



AP European History CURRICULUM

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Course Information

High School Full Year Course

Course Description:

This course will begin with the foundations of Western civilization and follow its development in Europe through modern times. The study of European history since 1450 introduces students to cultural, economic, political, and social developments that played a fundamental role in shaping the world in which they live. Without this knowledge, we would lack the context for understanding the development of contemporary institutions, the role of continuity and change in present-day society and politics, and the evolution of current forms of artistic expression and intellectual discourse. In addition to providing a basic narrative of events and movements, the goals of this course are to develop (a) an understanding of some of the principle themes in modern European history, (b) an ability to analyze historical evidence and historical interpretations, and (c) an ability to express historical understanding in writing. Emphasis will be placed on the advanced development of reading, writing, and critical thinking skills, particularly in the analysis of historical data and sources.

Curriculum Standards: [AP European History Course at a Glance](#)

Curriculum Resource(s): McKay, John P., Clare Haru Crowston, Merry E. Wiesner-Hanks, and Joe Perry. *A History of Western Society Since 1300 for the AP® Course, 12th Edition*. BFW Publishers, [2017]

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