A.P. European History ~ 2026 Summer Assignment

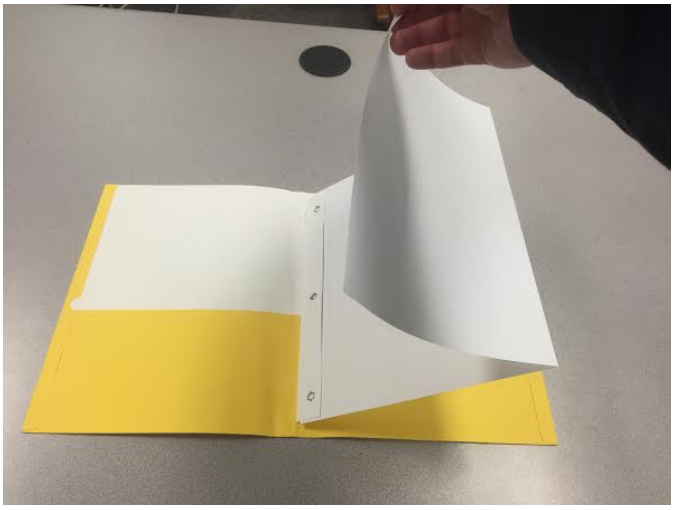
Congratulations! You've elected to take one of UAHS's most challenging and rewarding courses. A.P. Euro is designed for students who love history and want the challenge of a college-level class while still in high school. As you begin your study of European history, it is important that you are familiar with the political and physical geography of the continent. The Summer Assignment should help you with that. It is worth 10% of your Quarter One grade.

ASSIGNMENT.

1. **Purchase a twin pocket file folder with fasteners**. You can find these at many stores (CVS, Staples, Giant Eagle, etc). Our school store sells them for one dollar. Make certain that you get a folder *with clasps*. You can order them online, but because they are so cheap, you usually can only in this in bulk. Make sure you get the correct type of folder. Here's an example on Amazon for what you should purchase: https://www.amazon.com/AmazonBasics-Pocket-Folders-Fasteners-25-Pack/dp/B0734V7GRB/.

Why? Throughout this course you will be learning a lot of history, any of it may appear on the 2025 A.P. European History Exam. The maps are just the beginning: you will continue to add to this folder with each unit, so that by May 2027 it will serve as a self-made review book. It is something that you will be able to access throughout the course and reference important information *even faster* than searching for something online.

2. **Make two maps, one physical map and one political map of Europe**. Label on the map the items listed below. I recommend making your map on 11 by 17 inch paper, so that you can make a big, clear map. But you can use whatever size paper is convenient for you: just make the maps *clear*. Make sure that you make two maps on two separate pieces of paper. Make sure that the map fits nicely into your folder. Make sure that each map includes all of the content identified below. Make sure that you hand-draw the map—do not trace or create a digital map. The map doesn't have to be perfectly to-scale. It does, however, need to be generally accurate, especially as the borders of countries and their relation to bodies of water and other physical features are concerned.



Here's an example of what a folder with clasps and a folded 11x17" paper would look like.

Why? You need to know the geography of Europe. The places and features you identify on this map are places that I will be discussing in this class. For example, Lake Ladoga played a significant role in how the Soviet Union won World War II. The proximity of Sarajevo to Serbia sparked conflict in both the 1910s and the 1990s. Geneva's location in the foothills of the Swiss Alps, right on the border with France, enabled it to be a place of refuge for many radicals throughout European history. Personally hand-drawing this map will acquaint you with the landscape of Europe, enabling you to better understand the story of Europe as we learn about it this year.

Map One: Outline and label the political boundaries. Make sure the map is clear and legible.

Portugal	Germany	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Romania	Sweden
Spain	Austria	Russia	Ukraine	Finland
Iceland	Poland	Kaliningrad (Russia)	Moldova	Estonia
Ireland	Switzerland	Greece	Bulgaria	Latvia
United Kingdom	Italy	Macedonia	Czech Republic	Lithuania
France	Slovenia	Montenegro	Slovakia	Malta
Belgium	Albania	Serbia	Hungary	
Netherlands	Croatia	Kosovo	Denmark	
Luxembourg	Belarus	Turkey	Norway	

Map One: Dot and label these principal cities. Make sure the map is clear and legible.

Kiev	Vienna	Sarajevo	London	Stockholm	Sweden
Volgograd	Budapest	Athens	Liverpool	Helsinki	Finland
Moscow	Rome	Belgrade	Edinburgh	Oslo	Estonia
St. Petersburg	Venice	Berlin	Dublin	Copenhagen	Latvia
Istanbul	Milan	Munich	Belfast	Sofia	Lithuania
Minsk	Florence	Dresden	Reykjavik	Bucharest	Malta
Prague	Paris	Brussels	Geneva	Innsbruck	
Warsaw	Bilbao	Amsterdam	Madrid		
Gdansk	Lisbon	The Hague	Barcelona		

Map Two: Draw and label these physical features. Provide color to this map.

Rivers	*Mountains*	*Islands*	*Straits*	*Bodies of Water*
Thames	Alps	Corsica	Gibraltar	Atlantic
Meuse	Carpathian	Sardinia	Dardanelles	Mediterranean
Seine	Pyrenees	Crete		North Sea
Volga	Caucasus	Cyprus		English Channel
Don	Ural	Elba		Gulf of Finland
Danube	Balkans			Baltic Sea
Rhine				Aegean Sea
Vistula				Adriatic Sea
Arno				Lake Ladoga
Tiber				Black Sea
				Sea of Azov
				Caspian Sea

Note: Feel free to draw the political boundaries on the physical map if that is helpful for you. Just don't label the countries on the physical map.

Scoring for the maps:
~ The map is hand-drawn. The borders and outline of countries need not be perfectly precise, just clear. All cities, countries and physical features are labelled and situated fairly accurately. (80%)
~ The map demonstrates time and care in its creation. It needs to be clear and colorful. It is hole-punched and placed in the clasps of the folder in such a way that it is easy to unfold and easy to read. (20%)
~This folder and map assignment is worth 10% of your quarter one grade.

This entire assignment should take around three to four hours to complete. It can be done at any point of time during the summer break. The folder is due on **MONDAY AUGUST 17, 2026.**