# A. P. EUROPEAN HISTORY – SUMMER PROJECT – 2026 / 2027

## MR. SPARKS

As you have seen in the course description, we will be studying the history of Europe from approximately the year 1350 until the present, or as far as time allows us. It is necessary to understand the formation of Europe before our beginning point, and to get a head start on the chapters, hence the summer project.

THE PROJECT:

You will be working in the text. First, outline the "Introduction" portion (page xxxv – Ixxx) and answer the 7 review questions at the end of that section. Then outline chapters 9 through 13 and answer the DBQ (Document Based Question) at the end of each chapter.

The purpose is two-fold:

1. To gain necessary background knowledge and a **head start on the workload** before beginning the course.

2. To develop skills in reading and dissecting academic material / outlining / critical thinking / writing, as well as the ability to work independently. A college career depends upon these.

The outlines must be complete but concise, and **useful to you**.

Creating them is a **skill** that must be **practiced** like any other – the dissemination of large amounts of material into a more concise, usable form. The questions must be answered in well constructed essays. If you take shortcuts, I will know…and I will grade accordingly.

The workload for this course is not going to be easy. However, it is a great opportunity to earn credits and free yourself from a 3-credit course in your first or second year of college. More important is the fact that you will become accustomed to the conduct and workload of a typical university-level humanities course, and the responsibility it places upon the individual. I have every confidence that you will do well.

Follow these directions:

1) Use a solid notebook (you may need more than one), NOT a loose-leaf binder or spiral notebook – this is a requirement.

2) Your grade will be based upon: neatness, thoroughness, and attention to detail.

3) This project is worth 100 points, divided into 25 point blocks (one for each quarter). I advise you to take it seriously.

4) Work a bit at a time and do not put it off until the last minute.

5) See me before the end of school this year to sign out a textbook.

6) Project is due the first day of class for the 2026-2027 school year.

7) Start at the beginning and read all of this again…follow directions.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**YOU CANNOT REMAIN IN THE A.P. CLASS WITHOUT DOING THE SUMMER PROJECT.**

**IF YOU DO NOT INTEND TO DO THE PROJECT COMPLETE AND ON TIME, DROP THE CLASS.**