AP European History Summer Assignment

Welcome to AP European History! The AP Program allows highly motivated students the opportunity to complete rigorous course material that is equivalent to a freshmen college course. AP European History covers the period from the Renaissance (ca. 1450 AD) to the present and stresses the value of higher level thinking skills, effective essay preparation, writing, and source document analysis.

The Purpose of the AP European Summer Assignment

We must cover nearly 600 years of European History in nine months, so it is imperative that we have a foundation that helps us transition more quickly into this dense course material. Your summer assignments will give you the opportunity to sharpen your knowledge of European geography and demonstrate your reading and writing skills while you build context for the course. If you have any questions pertaining to the Summer Assignment or any other questions about the course, feel free to email me at jen.webber@bvhs.org.

Remember that this course is the equivalent of a college-level survey course in European History. The amount of work and expectations are congruent with a college-level course. Although challenging, this course is not impossible! If you put in the effort and have a positive attitude about learning, you will be successful!

AP European History Summer Assignments

Write your responses for Assignments #2 and #3 in Notability or Google Docs.
Be prepared to turn into Canvas the first day of class.

Assignment #1 European Geography: Learn the locations of the countries and physical features of Europe. Practice the European Countries Map Quiz and the European Physical Features Map Quiz on Seterra. You will take both of these quizzes for a grade during the first week of school.

Assignment #2 The Later Middle Ages: Read Chapter 11: The Later Middle Ages from McKay, *A History of Western Society* (12th Edition). Write a paragraph in response to each question:

1. ***How did climate change shape the late Middle Ages?***

2. ***How did the plague reshape European society?***

3. ***What were the causes, course, and consequences of the Hundred Years' War?***

4. ***Why did the church come under increasing criticism?***

5. ***What explains the social unrest of the late Middle Ages?***

Assignment #3 Contextualizing the Late Middle Ages: Watch the Late Middle Ages Explained Video and apply what you learned to write a contextualization paragraph (*information leading up to the Renaissance & Age of Exploration)* explaining the context of the Late Middle Ages period that occurred on the eve of the Renaissance in Europe. Use the acronym ***Geo-SPRITE*** *(organizer below)* to come up with *at least three examples* from the Late Middle Ages for your contextualization paragraph.

Geo-SPRITE	
Geography Place, physical, human	.
Social Gender, ethnicity, class	
Political Authority, diplomacy, law	
Religious Beliefs, influences, practices	
Intellectual Learning, literature, arts **Technology** Science, machines, medicine	
Economic Trade, policies, finance	