

AP EUROPEAN HISTORY: 10th grade (11th/12th elective)
DUE Monday MARCH 22, 2010

Name of Student: _____ (please print)

Advanced Placement European History is designed to provide academically talented students with the opportunity of completing college-level coursework while in high school. The course is demanding in terms of time and effort. It requires **at least five to six hours of outside preparation each week**. Think about this: 5-6 hours a week is an **hour a day**, every day. If you cannot do this, you will probably not succeed.

There will also be occasional meetings outside the regular schedule. Students are required to **do summer reading**.

Students are expected to take the AP European History Examination in May of the school year; there is a fee of approximately \$86 for this test. Colleges and universities may award students credit and/or placement in more advanced courses for successful performance on the exam—how this is done varies with each school.

What is covered in AP European History? The course is a survey of European history from the Renaissance to the end of the Cold War (c.1400-2000); it begins with a brief summary of Ancient and Medieval European civilization. Students will read the text, examine primary and secondary sources, learn various methods of analyzing and writing about history, evaluate different interpretations of historical events, and refine their reading and writing skills.

Why should you enroll in AP European History?

- You will gain an in-depth understanding of history, politics, and European civilization.
- Colleges and universities place a high value on students who enroll in AP courses, and you may receive college credit.
- You will learn valuable skills that should increase your performance in college and at Judge.

Who should enroll in AP European History?

- Students who are **emotionally mature** and **self-motivated**, with **disciplined study habits**.
- Students with strong reading, writing, and study skills, and who want to improve these skills.
- Students who genuinely enjoy history, intellectual challenges, and dealing with ideas.
- Students who are more concerned with learning than with grades alone. (students' grades sometimes decline initially in the course; this generally reverses itself as the year progresses)

You SHOULD NOT take AP Euro...

- just because your friends are. It is not a social time; it is a serious, academic course.
- **if you cannot concentrate in class, are easily distracted and hate to take notes—do not take this course.**

Please Note: Once enrolled, students are required to remain in AP European History for the entire school year. After the first quarter, or semester, at the discretion of the teacher, students may be dropped from the course for any of the following reasons:

- poor academic performance
- failure to submit work in a timely and responsible manner
- inappropriate classroom behavior and/or emotional immaturity

APPLICATION FOR AP EUROPEAN HISTORY
10th grade—also 11th & 12th grade elective

Name of Student: _____ (please print)

BASIC STUDENT INFORMATION

1) Social Studies/History Grades:

(Include all that apply)

(Name only; **teacher signature not required**)

9th Grade 1st Semester: _____

Teacher: _____

2nd Semester to date: _____

Teacher: _____

if applicable

10th Grade History: _____

Teacher(s): _____

11th Grade History: _____

Teacher(s): _____

2) Write a brief statement below on why you want to take this course:

3) On a separate sheet of paper, type a focused, coherent paragraph (or two) on the following question. Your response should display serious thought and consideration; it should not be personal (do not use first-person voice, e.g., “I think...”). Make sure to focus on the question, avoiding tangents and redundancy.

The Question: WHAT IS HISTORY, AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

RETURN completed application to your Social Studies teacher or Dr. Savage (Room Gym 233)

NO LATER THAN:

3:00 p.m., Monday March 22, 2010

Student Signature

Parent Signature