

AP European History
Summer Assignment 2017
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Welcome to AP Euro! I am super excited to be teaching this course, again, and ... have two sections of it!! For many of you, this will be your first AP. DO NOT PANIC! This will be a challenging course, but also a fun one. It will require a significant amount of effort but, if done correctly, will benefit you tremendously for the AP Exam. More details on that to come during the first week of school ;-)
That being said, ...

... when we return in September, we will begin the course with a study of **Chapter 11 - The Later Middle Ages: Crisis and Disintegration in the 14th Century**. It is very important that you complete the summer assignments so we are ready to go!!

Assignment 1 - In our textbook, *Western Civilization*, please read Chapter 11. As you read, please...

1. Outline the chapter. Outlines will be due on the **first day of class!**
2. Create a 10 question Kahoot that we will also play during the first week of class.

Assignment 2 - Book Review (see the following page).

1. Your paper will be collected on the second day of class after we have gone over Turnitin.com.

Over the summer, please purchase:

1. [*Victory of Reason: How Christianity Led to Freedom, Capitalism, and Western Success*](#) (Book Review). The Amazon link is attached.
2. Irish and Carson's [*Historical Thinking Skills: A Workbook for European History*](#). The Amazon link is attached.

Have a fantastic summer! Be safe and see you in September!! :-)

SUMMER READING - BOOK REVIEW 2017

During the summer you will read, *Victory of Reason: How Christianity Led to Freedom, Capitalism, and Western Success* by Rodney Stark and write a book review. **A book review is different than a book report.** In a book review, you should briefly summarize the book (a paragraph or two), and then discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the book, culminating with a recommendation of who should or should not read the book. Your review will also discuss: the author's background and credentials (is he fit to write on the topic), the main arguments/themes of the work, organization & writing style, use and placement of pictures, how well researched the book is (look for footnotes or endnotes) and your overall opinion/reaction to the book. You will need to do a quick Google search for a biography of the author. **As future historians, please cite this information using [MLA style](#).**

The book review must be **typed, double-spaced, using Times New Roman font, have 1-inch margins, written in the third person and be three pages in length.** A hard copy will be collected on the second day of class. To prevent plagiarism, you will also submit your paper to Turnitin.com – procedure to be explained on the first day of class. In fairness to students who turn their work in on time, all late papers will be penalized **10 points each day late** – including papers not handed in during class.

This assignment is worth **100 points**, and will count towards the first marking period. On the first day of class we will also have a brief quiz on *Victory of Reason*.