

Elizabeth Forward High School
Advanced Placement European History
Mr. Gerba Room 132

Course Description

Advanced Placement European History covers the period of history in Europe from the Renaissance to contemporary Europe. According to the College Board, the study of European history since 1450 introduces students to cultural, economic, political, and social developments that played a fundamental role in shaping the world in which they live. Without this knowledge, we would lack the context for understanding the development of contemporary institutions, the role of continuity and change in present-day society and politics, and the evolution of current forms of artistic expression and intellectual discourse. In addition to providing a basic narrative of events and movements, the goals of AP European History are to develop (a) an understanding of some of the principal themes in modern European history, (b) an ability to analyze historical evidence and historical interpretation, and (c) an ability to express historical understanding in writing.

**Text: *The Western Heritage Since 1300: 9th Edition* by Donald Kagan, Steven Ozment, and Frank Turner
*A History of the Modern World, R.R. Palmer and Joel Cotton, McGraw-Hill, Inc. © 2007 (edition 10)***

Grades: (Total # of points divided by total possible)

1. Review worksheets/Vocabulary (10-20 pts)
2. Outlines (15-30 pts)
3. Unit Tests (50-100 pts)
4. DBQ's (30-50 pts)
5. FRQ's (25-50 pts)
6. In class projects (15-30 pts)
7. Out of class projects (50-100 pts)

Methods of Instruction:

1. Direct Instruction: Notes, lecture, PPT, etc
2. Student reading
3. Open forum discussions
4. Writing assignments/journal

Alternates:

1. Educational videos
2. Group Projects
3. Cooperative activities in class
4. Review games (occasionally)

Required Materials:

1. Text book
2. 3 Ring Binder
3. Folder
4. Pens, pencils, etc.

Recommended:

1. Flash drive, with at least 1 GB of space available

Rules:

1. Follow directions
2. Respect others
3. Do not assume anything!
4. Bring materials each day unless otherwise directed
5. Complete assignments on your own!!! No Cheating!!!
6. Understand this is a college level course and that you are required to cover some material on your own! Don't assume anything!!!

Consequences:

1. Verbal warning
2. Detention with Mr. Gerba
3. Referral to the office

Make-up and grading policy:

1. **YOU** are responsible for getting any missed work, **NOT ME!**
2. Absent on the day of a test you take it the day you come back – **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
3. If you miss the day before a test you will still take it!
4. Cheating will not be tolerated, no credit will be given and referral to the office will be made!
5. Late assignments will receive ½ credit for 1 day and no credit for anything after that.
6. Extra may be given at my discretion but not as a regular assignment.

Unit Topics:

1. Collapse of the Medieval World and the Renaissance
2. The Reformation
3. Age of exploration, Wars of Religion
4. Rise of Nations – England, France and Holland
5. Absolutism in Eastern Europe and the Struggle for Empire
6. Scientific Revolution
7. Society, Economy and Politics in the 18th Century
8. Enlightenment
9. French Revolution and Napoleon

10. Midterm Review

11. Industrial Revolution and the Growth of -ism's
12. Age of Reaction and Revolution
13. Unification of Nation States
14. Rise of Modern Europe
15. World War 1 and the Russian Revolution
16. Between 2 Wars: Democracy and Dictatorships
17. WWII and the Postwar era
18. The Cold War and its aftermath
19. Toward the 21st Century

20. AP Test Final Review

Contact me at any time over the summer at bgerba@efsd.net or gerba14@yahoo.com ...or you may call the school and ask them to get in contact with me.