

AP European History

Summer Assignment, 2019

Dear future European historian,

AP European History is a challenging course that is meant to be the equivalent of a freshman college course and can earn students college credit. It is a two-semester survey of European history from the Renaissance to the present. Solid reading and writing skills, along with a willingness to devote considerable time to homework and study are necessary to succeed. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking, evaluative skills, essay writing, interpretation of original documents, and historiography.

I am asking you to prepare for this class during the summer by studying the current map of Europe. The course will begin in a time period when many modern day countries were non-existent and borders were much different. The course will progress throughout the development of these borders and the creation of such countries. Knowing where these modern day countries, capitals, cities, and land features are located will help you understand the emergence of these countries, plus, the progression of wars, foreign policies, and diplomacy that will be discussed and analyzed during the course.

The test will be given in four different sections.

(1) For the first section, you will be given a blank map of Europe; each country will be labeled with a number and you will be asked to identify the name of the country that is labeled. You must be able to label the following countries:

- Iceland
- Ireland
- United Kingdom
- Portugal
- Spain
- France
- Switzerland
- Italy
- Belgium
- The Netherlands
- Germany
- Denmark
- Norway
- Sweden
- Austria
- Slovenia
- Croatia
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Montenegro
- Albania
- Greece
- Bulgaria
- Romania
- Serbia
- Moldova
- Ukraine
- Slovakia
- Czech Republic
- Poland
- Belarus
- Russia
- Finland
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Hungary
- Turkey

(2) For the second section, you will be given a blank map of Europe; various capital cities and major cities will be labeled with a number and you will be asked to identify the name of the city that is labeled.

Capital Cities:

- London
- Paris
- Amsterdam
- Brussels
- Berlin
- Vienna
- Madrid
- Rome
- Warsaw
- Prague
- Sarajevo
- Athens
- Moscow
- Zurich

Other Major Cities:

- Manchester
- Marseilles
- Versailles
- Calais
- St. Petersburg
- Salzburg
- Istanbul
- Edinburgh
- Frankfurt

(3) For the third section, you will be given a blank map of Europe; various topographical features will be labeled with a number and you will be asked to identify the name of that topographical feature. You must be able to locate and identify the following topographical features:

- North Sea
- Baltic Sea
- Mediterranean Sea
- Adriatic Sea
- Aegean Sea
- Black Sea
- English Channel
- The Alps
- The Ural Mountains
- The Rhine River
- The Thames River
- The Danube River
- Naples
- Sicily
- Corsica
- Alsace and Lorraine
- Crimea

(4) For the fourth section, you will be asked the following questions:

- Name four countries that make up the Balkan States (note that there are more than four)
- Name the three countries that make up the Baltic States
- Name the three countries that make up Scandinavia
- Name the three countries that make up Britain
- Name the four countries that make up the United Kingdom
- Name the two countries that make up the Iberian Peninsula

A test on the content above will be given the second day of class. The following websites are great resources for practicing your skills for section 1

<http://www.lizardpoint.com/fun/geoquiz/index.php> ; click on Europe – countries for practice.

<https://www.sporcle.com/games/g/europe>

I look forward to the 2019-2020 school year and am excited that you have chosen this course. European history is my favorite subject to teach. I thoroughly enjoy the Reformation, the French Revolution, World War I, and World War II. My hope is that you will discover these and other topics to be fascinating as well and that you will come to appreciate European history.

I will see you in August!

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