

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EUROPEAN HISTORY

TEXTBOOK: The Western Heritage, AP Edition. (9th Edition) Kagan, Ozment, Turner. SUPPLEMENTAL READINGS: From various readers, student manual, newspapers, and internet.

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FREE RESPONSE QUESTIONS AND DOCUMENT BASED QUESTIONS: The student will write a FRQ or DBQ or in some chapters both as a written assignment for each chapter. Sources for the FRQ and DBQ may come from released AP exams or from the AP Kagan textbook. Essay writing fulfills several student objectives including: writing with clarity and precision, analyzing historical themes, tracing historical developments, using documentary materials, pictorial and graphic evidence, as well as evaluate historical information in a synthesis format, all are vital to the student in mastering an AP class.

EXAMS: All exams are standardized multiple choice selected to follow the AP exam format. Chapter exams and released AP exams will help the student learn course material and to prepare for the AP exam.

RESEACH PAPER: Each student will select a European history related topic and write a 10 page research paper. This assignment helps to fulfill the student objectives or using historical evidence and interpretation to discuss a person, event, or period of European history. The student will use primary and documentary sources in the paper. An oral presentation with use of media is also required. Additional details will be provided in a handout.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Week 1: Renaissance and Discovery. Topics: The Renaissance in Italy. Italy's political decline. Revival of monarchy in northern Europe. The Northern Renaissance. Voyages of discovery.

Kagan; Ch. 10

Video: Renaissance

1 page essay over Machiavelli document p. 334.

FRQ: Renaissance

Exam

Week 2: The Age of Reformation. Topics: Society and religion. Martin Luther and the German Reformation. Reformation in Europe. Catholic reform and Counter-Reformation. Social Significance of the Reformation. Literary works of Cervantes and Shakespeare.

Kagan: Ch. 11

Video: Reformation

Handout to read and discuss: Luther's 95 Theses.

Read and discuss Document: A Child is Born, welcoming the newborn in late Medieval Europe; pages 382-384. And: Literary Imagination in transition; pages 384-385.

DBQ: 11-1 pages 1062-1064

FRQ: Reformation

Exam

Week 4: The Age of Religious Wars. Topics: Renewed religious struggle, The French Wars of Religion. Imperial Spain and Philip II. England and Spain, 1553-1603, The Thirty Year's War

Kagan: Ch. 12

Essay over document: Henry IV, page 398

Essay over map: Germany in 1547 page 408

DBQ: 12-1 pages 1064-1065

Exam

Week 6: European State Consolidation in the 17th and 18th centuries. Topics: The Netherlands: Gold Age in decline. Two models of European political development, Constitutional and settlement in Stuart England. Rise of absolute monarchy in France. Central and Eastern Europe, Russian and the Ottoman Empire.

Kagan: Ch 13

Handout: Preface to King James Version of the Bible. Read and discuss.

Essay over document: Peter the Great, page 446

DBQ: 13-1 pages 1065-1066

Exam

Week 6: New Directions in Thought and Culture in the 16th and 17th Centuries.

Topics: The Scientific Revolution. Philosophy responds to changing science. The new institutions of expanding natural knowledge. Women in the Scientific Revolution. The new society and religious faith. Continuing superstition.

Kagan: Ch. 14

Video: Scientific Revolution

Essay over document Galileo page 471

DBQ: 14-1 pages 1066-1067

Week 7: Society and Economy under the Old Regime in the 18th Century. Topics: Major features of life in the Old Regime. The Aristocracy. The peasants. Family structure and the family economy. The revolution in agriculture. The Industrial Revolution of the 18th century. The growth of cities. The Jewish population: the age of the ghetto.

Kagan: Ch. 15

Essay over document Priscilla Wakefield page 503

DBQ: 15-1 pages 1069-1070

FRQ: Industrial Revolution

Exam

Week 8: The Transatlantic Economy, Trade Wars, and Colonial Rebellion. Topics: Periods of European overseas Empires. Mercantile Empires. The Spanish colonial system. Black African slavery, the plantation system, and the Atlantic economy. Mid 18th Century wars. The American Revolution and Europe.

Kagan: Ch. 16

Map of exploration page 525 discuss.

Essay over document page 530-531

DBQ: 16-1 pages 1070-1072

FRQ: Slavery linked to European economies

Exam

Week 9: The Age of Enlightenment. Topics: Formative influences on the Enlightenment. The Philosophes. The Enlightenment and religion. The Enlightenment

and society. Political thought of the philosophes. Women in the thought and practice of Enlightenment. Rococo and Neoclassical styles, Enlightenment absolutism.

Kagan: Ch. 17

Read and discuss documents on pages, 555, 556, 570, 572, 574, 578, and 582.

DBQ: 17-1 pages 1073-1074

FRQ: Political, social, and cultural reforms of the Enlightenment thinkers.

Exam

Week 10-11: The French Revolution. Topics: The crisis of the French monarchy. The revolution of 1789. The reconstruction of France. The end of the monarchy: a 2nd French Revolution. The Reign of Terror. The Thermidorian reaction.

Kagan: Ch. 18

Video: The French Revolution

Documents: pages 598, 606, 614, and 621 read and discuss

DBQ: 18-1 pages 1075-1076

FRQ: To what extent was the 3rd Estate responsible for altering the course of the French Revolution?

Exam

Weeks 12-13: The Age of Napoleon and the Triumph of Romanticism. Topics: The rise of Napoleon. The Consulate in France. Napoleon's Empire. Europe's response to Empire. The Congress of Vienna. The Romantic Movement: questions of the supremacy of reason, literature, art, religion and views of nationalism and history.

Kagan: Ch. 19

Videos: Napoleon. Romanticism; art and music.

Documents: pages 632, 639, 641, 653, Read and discuss.

DBQ: 19-1 pages 1077-1078

FRQ: From the works of two English Romantics describe the philosophy of the Romantic Movement in literature.

Exam

Week 14: The Conservative Order and the Challenges of Reform (1815-1832) Topics: The challenges of nationalism and liberalism. Conservative governments: the domestic

Political order. Conservative international order. Conservative order shaken in Europe.

Kagan: Ch. 20

Documents: pages 657, 660-, 663, 672, and 674. Read and discuss

DBQ: 20-1 pages 1079-1080.

FRQ: Describe the achievements of the Great Reform Bill of 1832.

Exam

Week 15-16 Economic Advance and Social Unrest (1830-1850). Topics: Toward an Industrial society. The labor force. Family structure and the industrial revolution.

Women and the early industrial revolution. Problems of crime and order. Early Socialism. 1848: year of revolutions.

Kagan: Ch. 21

Documents: pages 693, 698, 701, 711, and 712. Read and discuss

DBQ: 12-1 pages 1080-1081

FRQ: Describe Chartism and its role in Britain in the 19th Century.

Exam

Week 17: The Age of Nation-States. Topics: The Crimean War. Reforms in the Ottoman Empire. Italian unification. German unification. France from liberal empire to the 3rd Empire. The Hapsburg Empire. Russian emancipation and revolutionary stirring. Great Britain: toward democracy.

Kagan: Ch. 22

Documents: pages 731, 733, 737, 749, 753, and 757.

DBQ: 22-1 pages 1081-1083

FRQ: Identify the significance of the “Irish question” in Gladstone’s ministries.

Week 18: Semester Exams

Week 19: The Building of European Supremacy. Topics: Population trends and Migration. The 2nd Industrial Revolution. The Middle Classes in ascendancy. Late 19th Century urban life. Varieties of late 19th Century women’s experiences. Jewish Emancipation. Labor, socialism, and politics to World War I.

Kagan: Ch. 23

Documents: pages 763, 764, 771, 779, 786, 789, and 790. Read and discuss

DBQ: 23-1 pages 1083-1084

FRQ: Describe the typical lifestyle and pursuits of married middle class women in Europe during the 2nd Industrial Revolution.

Exam

Week 20: The Birth of Modern European Thought. Topics: The new reading public. Science at mid-century. Christianity and the church under siege. Toward a 20th Century frame of mind. Women and modern thought.

Kagan: Ch. 24

Documents: pages 795, 803, 804, 810, 817, and 819.

DBQ: 24-1 pages 1085-1086

FRQ: What was modernism, and who were some of its pioneers?

Exam

Weeks 21-22: Imperialism, Alliances, and War. Topics: Expansion of European power and new imperialism. Emergence of the German Empire and the alliance systems (1873-1890). World War I. Russian Revolution. The end of World War I. The settlement at Paris.

Kagan: Ch. 25

Documents: Pages 827, 830, 833, 837, 840, 850, 852, 856-857, and 865. Read and discuss.

DBQ: 25-1 pages 1086-1087

FRQ: Discuss and analyze the factors that led to the European Imperialism of the 19th century.

Exam

Week 23: Political Experiments of the 1920s. Topics: Political and economic factor after the Paris settlement. The Soviet experiment begins. The Fascist experiment in Italy. Trials of successor states in Eastern Europe. The Weimar Republic.

Kagan: Ch. 26

Documents: pages 827, 879, 883, 888, and 901. Read and discuss.

DBQ: 26-1 pages 1088

FRQ: What social and political conditions in Germany facilitated Hitler's rise to power?

Exam

Week 24: Europe and the Great Depression of the 1930s. Topics: Toward the Great Depression. Confronting the Great Depression in the democracies. Germany: The Nazi seizure of power. Italy: Fascist economics. Stalin's Soviet Union: Central economic planning. Collectivization, and party purges.

Kagan: Ch. 27

Documents: pages: 907, 920-921, 924, and 929.

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