

AP European History 2010-2011

Thank you for your interest in AP European History. This information sheet will outline the course, the instructor's expectations, and acceptance requirements. If you have any questions that are not answered here, please do not hesitate to ask Mrs. Clark in room 145.

AP European History

AP European History is an exciting, challenging course that covers approximately 500 years of modern European History. The majority of homework for European History is reading and outlining the text, identifying terms and answering questions. Class time focuses on lecture and a lot of discussion. If you have difficulty grasping information without outside help, this class will be difficult for you. As an AP European History student, you will be responsible for a great deal of your own learning. Class lectures and activities support your individual reading, but all information covered in the text is not discussed in class. There is also a great deal of writing for AP European History – both essays and IDs/study questions. If you pass the AP European History exam in May, you may receive college credit.

Teacher Expectations

Students are responsible for their own learning in this class. Due to the vast amount of information covered in the course, students must complete their reading when assigned, attend class regularly, and solicit help when needed, all without prodding from the instructor. **You will be developing critical thinking and writing skills expected of college students.** Students in AP European History need to be well organized and driven- I will not monitor your learning or constantly motivate you to keep up. You must do this yourself. I expect you to ask when you need help.

Acceptance Requirements

All AP European History students must achieve a minimum score based on GPA, English 1 grade, and participation in the English honors program and IB program. Prospective students will also submit a writing sample from their English 1 class. In addition, a statement of intent and a brief parent evaluation will also be included in determining acceptance. State testing scores may also be taken into consideration.

AP European History is an extremely demanding and extremely rewarding course. If you are interested in working hard, challenging yourself, and preparing yourself for college-level material, I encourage you to fill out an application!

All applications are due to the envelope outside Mrs. Clark's room, 145, by 3:00 p.m. on April 1st. **No late applications will be accepted.** Make sure your application is complete, as **incomplete applications will not be considered.** A list of accepted students will be posted on or before May 1st. If you are accepted, you will need to sign an intent to enroll form to take the class next year and complete a summer homework assignment.

I know it sounds like a tough class – and it is – but we also have a lot of fun! Challenge yourself – be one of the elite! I hope to see you next year!

Mrs. Clark

AP European History Application

Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Email: _____

Fourth Period Teacher: _____

Please provide the following information. I will calculate your points. This information must be verified by **attaching a photocopy of your first semester (NOT 6 week) report card**. Your application will not be accepted without this copy.

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| • Cumulative GPA: | _____ | Points | _____ |
| • English first sem. grade: | _____ | Points | _____ |
| • I am in English Honors 1 | Y N | Points | _____ |
| • I have been accepted into Eng. Hon. 2: | | | |
| Y N don't know yet | | Points | _____ |
| • I am a Pre-IB student | Y N | Points | _____ |

TOTAL POINTS _____

3. Please attach a **photocopy** of an essay written for your English class. This should be an essay that you feel displays your writing ability as well as critical thinking skills. I am looking for your ability to construct a cohesive essay organized around a strong thesis that showcases your analytical abilities.

Statement of intent:

If I am accepted into AP European History, I promise to put forth my best effort, beginning with the summer assignment and finishing with the AP test in May. I understand that this is a very demanding, advanced level class, but I believe that I have the work ethic and desire to be successful. I understand that this means up to 90 minutes of reading/notetaking homework a night, and as many as four essays written per month. By signing below and returning this application, I signify my intention to take AP European History if accepted. I can't wait for this fun, challenging class!

Signed: _____

Parent Evaluation:

Your son/daughter has shown an interest in AP European History. This is a very demanding course. Students are expected to read, write, and think at a college freshman level. If students are successful on the AP exam in May, they can earn college credit. I encourage all students to challenge themselves by taking this course, but I want them (and you) to be prepared for the dedication and diligence required. If you feel that your student has the work ethic and drive to put forth 100% effort into this course, please sign below.

Signed: _____