

# Advanced Placement European History Contract

The Advanced Placement (AP) European History courses offered at Cloverleaf requires commitment on the part of the enrolled students. AP European History is designed for the advanced student of history. It is an interesting but challenging class. AP European History is an elective class and no one is required to take it. Only serious students willing to work hard should apply. It is essential to understand and accept that a lot of hard work and a significant time commitment are needed in order to succeed in this class. Because of these higher requirements, grades given in an AP class are "weighted." This means that a grade is worth more when calculating a student's G.P.A. than in a standard class. For example, a grade of "B" in a class normally is assigned a G.P.A. of 3.0. But with AP, the G.P.A. is weighted a full point higher, to 4.0. If students are not able or willing to meet these requirements, they will be reassigned to another course with no weighting of their grade. **Due to financial planning on the part of the school and course planning on the part of the teacher, once a student and his/her parents have committed to the AP European History course they will not be allowed to drop the course unless there is a severe mitigating circumstance. Students and parents must read and sign the AP Contract, with the understanding that the student could be dropped from AP European History with an 'F' for the semester if the contract is broken.**

- Students must be willing to complete summer reading and assignments by the first day of class of the first trimester as a requirement of this course. Failure to do so will result in an appropriate lowered grade.
- Students will not drop out of the course once this agreement is signed.
- Students must have solid writing skills, including the ability to compose essays that demonstrate critical and conceptual thinking on the students' part, as well as research skills.
- Students must be ready to handle approximately forty-five minutes to an hour of homework each day for the course.
- Students will keep current with the reading and be prepared for class on a daily basis.
- Academic integrity and ethics will be enforced. Plagiarism, cheating, and other actions that the instructor feels are a violation of a standard level of academic integrity will result in the student being referred to the office with a recommendation from the teacher that the student may be removed from the course and other disciplinary action being taken.
- Students receiving a "C-" or lower during the first interim report will be placed on probation for the remainder of the trimester. A student receiving a "C-" or lower grade for a trimester will be transferred to the next level of the class. Students must continue to meet this standard in order to continue in the Honors and AP courses. (See Cloverleaf Course Registration Guide 2007-2008)

By signing this contract the students and their parents demonstrate that they acknowledge and understand the requirements and expectations of the AP European History Course and agree to be bound by the terms here within.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_