

AP European History



Summer & 1st Trimester Reading Assignments

Welcome to AP European History. Because the course is scheduled for two trimesters we will need to get a head start over the summer and 1st Trimester. Please follow all directions for your summer reading assignments. All summer reading assignments are due on the first day of class. Failure to complete the summer reading assignments will result in a first trimester grade of 'F' and the possibility that you are dropped from the course with a recorded 'F' for the first trimester.

In the text:

Our primary text is *The Western Heritage Since 1300* 9th AP ed. by Donald Kagan, Steven Ozmet, and Frank M. Turner.

1. Read Chapter 9 'The Late Middle Ages Centuries of Crisis 1300-1527', Chapter 10 'Renaissance and Discovery', and Chapter 11 'The Age of Reformation'.
2. Define the terms for Chapters 9-11 in the AP European Test & Exam Review Materials. Please number the terms, underline, and then define. (see example below) Neatly hand-write them. DO NOT TYPE! They will not be accepted if typed.

KTC example:

1. Dante Alighieri: define, define, define, define, define, etc.



Supplementary

Read Niccolò Machiavelli's *The Prince*. You can purchase this book at any decent book store or order it online from Barnes and Noble, Borders, Amazon, or other online bookstore. You can also find *The Prince* at your local library. You can also read it and download it online from <http://www.bibliomania.com/2/1/64/111/frameset.html>. Answer the following questions. Please answer them in short answer or essay format. They do not need to be marathon length essays, but should be sufficiently in-depth to answer the questions.

1. Name three recurring themes in *The Prince*.
2. Why does Machiavelli claim that it is better for a prince "to be both loved and feared?" Is it possible for a prince to be both?
3. According to Machiavelli in Chapter 21, what must a prince do to be esteemed?

Summer Reading Fun

For some fun, and extra credit, have a picture taken of you reading your text or *The Prince* somewhere exotic. If you travel somewhere for summer vacation take your reading with you and get a picture. If you are not traveling anywhere interesting over the summer then get pictures of yourself doing something creative while reading around the area.