

## AP European History Course Description

### Course Description:

The AP European History course focuses on developing students' understanding of European history approximately 1450 to the present. The course has students investigate the content of European history for significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in four historical periods, and develop and use the same thinking skills and methods (analyzing primary and secondary sources, making historical comparisons, chronological reasoning, and argumentation) employed by historians to study the past. The course also provides five themes (interaction of Europe and the world, poverty and prosperity, objective knowledge and subjective visions, states and institutions of power, and individual and society) that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places.

First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester
<b>Textbook:</b> <i>Western Civilization</i> , by Jackson Spielvogel		
<b>Late Middle Ages</b>	<b>A Revolution in Politics</b>	<b>Cold War</b>
Black Death War and Political Instability Decline of the Church	Background to the French Revolution French Revolution Reign of Terror Age of Napoleon	Decolonization Behind the Iron Curtain
<b>Renaissance</b>	<b>The Industrial Revolution</b>	<b>Protest and Stagnation</b>
Italian States The Arts Politics of the Renaissance	Great Britain Industrialization Social Impact of Industrialization	Anti-War Protest Feminist Movement Stagnation in the Soviet Union
<b>Reformation</b>	<b>Nationalism and Realism</b>	<b>Fall of Communism</b>
Martin Luther Spread of the Protestant Reformation Catholic Reformation	Napoleon III Unification of Italy Unification of Germany Imperial Russia Marxism	Collapse of the Communist Party Reunification of Germany Disintegration of Yugoslavia
<b>Europe and the New World</b>	<b>Modernity, Anxiety, and Imperialism</b>	<b>Review for AP Exam</b>
Portuguese Empire Spanish Empire New Rivals European Expansion Global Economy	The Modern Consciousness New Uncertainties New Imperialism International Rivalry	<b>After the “Fall of Communism” materials are completed, students will spend time reviewing course materials in preparation for the AP European History Exam</b>
<b>State Building and the Search for Order</b>	<b>WW1</b>	
Social Crisis War, and Rebellions	Causes of WW1	

Absolutism Limited Monarchies European Culture	The War War and Revolution The Peace Settlement	
<b>The Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment</b>	<b>Europe Between Wars</b>	
Revolution in Astronomy Women in Modern Science Spread of Scientific Ideas Enlightenment Religion and Churches	Uncertain Peace Democratic States in the West Authoritarian and Totalitarian States Cultural Trends	
	<b>World War 2</b>	
	Resource War Turning Points of the War Nazism Total War Allied War Conferences	