

# *AP European History*

## *Summer Reading*

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Welcome to the AP European History class. We will focus on European History and any event connected to that area. By taking an AP or accelerate course, you are committing to more homework, **increased** difficulty in reading and tests, and a challenging atmosphere in which to increase your own capabilities. The summer assignment is to help you gauge your own reading skill and to help you realize that this material is difficult and you must be committed if you would like to succeed in the course. You should expect to read one chapter per week plus readings from primary sources or thirty to forty-five minutes of reading EVERY night.

We will be covering from the Renaissance (1450 C.E. approximately) up to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Because it is difficult to understand the Renaissance without the context of the classical period or the middle ages, we will focus on those eras during the summer. You will be responsible for the following:

1. Checking out the appropriate text book from the library or go to the Pioneer web site ([pioneerhigh.org/Teachersites/Burrell.htm](http://pioneerhigh.org/Teachersites/Burrell.htm)) and download the PDF file with the text.
2. Reading the appropriate sections in the text.
3. Answering the questions that follow and have them ready to turn in on the first day. Be sure they are typed in paragraph format.
4. Be prepared to take a multiple choice test on this material the first day of school.

Kagan, Donald. The Western Heritage ed. 9<sup>th</sup>

Preview Chapter – The West Before 1300

pgs. xxxii-lxxvii

Chapter 9 – The Late Middle Ages

pgs. 290-314

Be sure to look over all maps, charts, artwork, and such. Read the added short selections as well.

**Any student registered at Pioneer as of July 31, 2010, must complete this summer work. It will be counted as part of the grade and no late work will be accepted.**

**Not having a copy of the book is not a valid excuse for not completing the summer assignment.**

**Questions on the reverse of this page.**

Questions:

The first question needs to be handwritten or printed on binder paper (not typed).

1. Take reading notes of the following sections:
  - Palestine and the Religion of the Israelites (begin on page xxxvii)
  - Christianity (begins on page lvii)
  - Charlemagne (begins on page lxiii)

For the following questions, please type and print them out. Most questions should be between three to five paragraphs in length.

2. Compare and contrast the following Greek philosophers: Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.
3. How and why did Feudal society get started? What were the essential ingredients of feudalism. How did towns begin to develop. What were the essential ingredients of towns. Do you think that towns and feudalism can exist together or not? Explain.
4. How would you define Scholasticism? What was the Scholastic program and method of study? Who were the main critics of Scholasticism and what were their complaints?
5. Consider the Black Death. What were its causes and why did it spread so quickly throughout Western Europe? Where was it most virulent? What were the results of the Black Death and how important do you think disease is in changing the course of history? (Be sure to explain)
6. What started the Hundred Year's war? What were the underlying causes of the conflict? What advantages did each side have? Why were the French finally able to remove the English presence in France almost entirely?
7. Read the section titled "Ecclesiastical Breakdown and Revival" (begins on page 302). Design a short answer question that encapsulates the central meaning of the reading for the following sections:

The Thirteenth-Century Papacy

Boniface VIII and Philip the Fair

The Avignon Papacy (1309-1377)

John Wycliffe and John Huss

The Great Schism (1378-1417) and the Conciliar Movement to 1449

You should have one question per section so five questions in total.