



Course: AP European History

Prerequisites: 1) A love of history, 2) A sincere interest in the topic, 3) An interest in analytical discussion and writing on historical topics.

Short Course Description: This course is designed to prepare students for the Advanced Placement exam in Modern European History. But more importantly, the goal of the course is to provide a thorough understanding of the evolution of European Civilization from approximately 1300 to the present, and how that evolution influenced the world.

Summer Assignment: There is no formal summer assignment, but the first quarter project is a book review and it is recommended to begin reading over the summer.

Work Load during the School Year: Daily reading assignments usually amount to 25 pages of text per block. Two entries per week are required for a current events journal. One project per quarter is assigned – paper, project, oral report.

Passing Rate: Success at McLean tends to be high, 80+% achieving a 3 or above, given the type of student who chooses the course, the overlap with other courses, and survey nature of the course

Special Course Information: The course is presented with a strictly European perspective. It is not designed to present a world view but rather a view of the world through European action and interpretation. It is an excellent complimentary course to world and US history courses to explain in detail the causes for and evolution of the world as we know it, a world overwhelmingly influenced by European action, culture, and philosophy.

Available Support: After school office hours, Student text handbook with extensive practice and review materials, on line resources provided by the publisher, numerous review books such as *the Princeton Review*, numerous study aids provided in class.

Student Quotes: “..not as hard as my other history APs...”
 “..challenging but not high stress..”
 “..goes more into detail than a world history class that tries to cover it all..”

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