

A.P. European History Summer Assignment

- Your assignment is due on the first day of class.
- Your assignment should be hand-written. You can answer the questions in any format you would like (i.e. paragraph, graph, bullets).
- You may email me at: Gretchen.Snyder@fcps.edu with any questions.

The West Before 1300

- Read pages xxxii-lxxvii of your text.
- Answer the review questions from page lxxvii:
 - How was life during the Paleolithic Age different from that in the Neolithic Age? Present the broad outlines of the history of the earliest civilizations in Mesopotamia and Egypt. What was the significance of Hebrew monotheism for the future of Western civilization?
 - Define the concept of the *polis*. Compare the basic political, social and economic institutions of Athens and Sparta around 500 B.C.E. Why did Sparta develop its unique form of government?
 - Discuss Rome's expansion to 265 B.C.E. What were some of the problems that plagued the republic in the last century? To what extent was the republic destroyed by ambitious generals who loved power more than Rome itself?
 - What solutions did Augustus provide for the problems that had plagued the Roman republic? How was the Roman Empire organized, and why did it function smoothly?
 - Trace the history of Christianity to the coronation of Charlemagne in 800. What distinctive features characterized the early Church? What role did the Church play in the world after the fall of the western Roman Empire?
 - What were some of the conditions that gave rise to feudal society? What are the essential characteristics of feudal society?
 - Trace the development of national monarchies in England and France in the High Middle Ages. How did the experience of those two countries differ from that of the Holy Roman Empire in the same period?

The Late Middle Ages

- Read Chapter 9 (pages 290-315) of your text.
- Answer the following questions:
 - Explain the effects of the Black Death on Europe's population and society.
 - Explain the causes and consequences of the Hundred Years War.
 - Evaluate the changing role of the Roman Catholic Church in the late Middle Ages.
 - Compare Medieval Russia to Western Europe.