



Course Title: **AP European History**

Description: AP European History focuses on an in-depth study of the history of Europe from 1500 to present. The topics emphasized will include Renaissance and Exploration, Reformation and Religious Wars, Early Modern Society, Scientific Revolution, Growth of the State and Commercial Revolution, Enlightenment and Social Change, French Revolution, Industrial Society, nationalism and Imperialism, Intellectual, Cultural, and Social Upheaval, world War I and Revolution, The Crisis of Democracy, and World War II, and 1945 to present. Emphasis will be placed on themes that run throughout history. Essay writing will be an important component of the course as well as document-based questions (DBQs) and multiple choice quizzes and exams. These are designed to replicate components of the College Board exam to prepare students to take the AP European History Test.

Grade level: 1-12 Recommended Prerequisite: Cultural Geography or AP Human Geography

<u>Reporting Topic</u>	<u>Course Level Standards</u>	<u>Competency Statement</u>
Renaissance and Exploration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain the context in which the Renaissance and Age of Discovery developed. ● Explain the motivations for and effects of European exploration and expansion from 1450 to 1648. 	Students will be able to analyze the impact of the Renaissance on history and explain the motivations for and effects of exploration and expansion.
Age of Reformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain the context in which the religious, political, and cultural developments of the 16th and 17th centuries took place. 	Students will be able to explain the effects of religious, political, and cultural developments of the 16th and 17th centuries.
Absolutism and Constitutionalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compare the different forms of political power that developed in Europe from 1648 to 1815. 	Students will be able to compare different forms of political power.
Scientific, Philosophical, and Political Developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain the causes and consequences of Enlightenment thought on European society from 1648 to 1815. ● Explain how European cultural and intellectual life was maintained and changed throughout the period from 1648 to 1815. 	Students will be able to explain how European cultural and intellectual life was maintained and changed



		throughout the period from 1648 to 1815.
Conflict, Crisis, and Reaction in the Late 18th Century	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain how and why the Romantic Movement and religious revival challenged Enlightenment thought from 1648 to 1815. ● Explain how the events and developments of the French Revolution influenced political and social ideas from 1648 to 1815. ● Explain the context in which the European states experienced crisis and conflict from 1648 to 1815. 	Students will be able to explain the various crisis and conflicts in Europe from 1648 to 1815
Industrialization and Its Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain the context in which industrialization originated, developed, and spread in Europe. ● Explain the context in which industrialization originated, developed, and spread in Europe. 	Students will be able to analyze how industrialization changed European society.
19th-Century Perspectives and Political Developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain how European imperialism affected both European and non European societies. ● Explain how the development and spread of nationalism affected Europe from 1815 to 1914. ● Explain how science and other intellectual disciplines developed and changed throughout the period from 1815 to 1914. ● Explain the influence of nationalist and imperialist movements on European and global stability. 	Students will be able to explain the influence of nationalist and imperialist movements on European and global stability.
20th-Century Global Conflicts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain the causes and effects of World War I. ● Explain how the events of the first half of the 20th century challenged existing social, cultural, and intellectual understandings. ● Explain how and why the settlement of World War I failed to effectively resolve the political, economic, and diplomatic challenges of the early 20th century 	Students will be able to explain how the events of the first half of the 20th century challenged existing social, cultural, and intellectual understandings.
Cold War and Contemporary Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain the various ways in which colonial groups around the world sought independence from colonizers in the 20th and 21st centuries. 	Students will be able to explain the challenges and impacts of 20th century



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain how women's roles and status developed and changed throughout the 20th and 21st centuries.• Explain how the challenges of the 20th century influenced what it means to be European.• Explain how economic developments resulted in economic, political, and cultural change in the period after World War II.• Explain the causes, events, and effects of the Cold War in the period following World War II.	events.
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