

AP European History Summer Reading Assignment for Summer 2010:

AP European History is a rigorous and challenging course that addresses European historical events from 1300-2006. The summer reading assignment for AP European History is designed to ensure that you are as prepared as possible to succeed in this endeavor. Approach each component of this assignment carefully and thoroughly.

Part I.

Read the Chapter Titled "The West Before 1300" (pp. xxxii-lxxix) in our textbook:

Kagan, Donald, Ozment, Steven, Turner, Frank M. The Western Heritage. 9th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2007.
ISBN# 0-13-173292-7

This reading covers a review of relevant historical events prior to 1300. This review is necessary to ensure the foundations of knowledge that must be established prior to embarking on our study of European History, which will address the time period of 1300-2006.

Part II.

Answer the "Review Questions" #1-7 on p. lxxvii of "The West Before 1300" Chapter in our textbook:

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Answer all 7 of the Review Questions thoroughly and thoughtfully. These are substantial questions and each answer will likely be at least one page in length. This will be the first graded assignment of the Fall Term and will introduce your teacher to your historical writing abilities. This assignment is due at the beginning of our first class meeting. Please have it in order, stapled, and ready to hand in.

Part III.

Read Carefully and In Its Entirety:

Viault, Birdsall S. Modern European History. New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc., 1990.
ISBN# 978-0-07-067453-0

This work will provide you with a basic knowledge of the primary events that we will approach throughout the school year. This background will provide a fundamental basis and vital context for our year-long study of European History. Upon completion you should possess a general construct of the primary events of Modern European History. A quiz that addresses the basic concepts and ideas addressed in this work will be administered on our first full day of class, arrive prepared.