

"Be proud of everything you do, for what you do and how you do it tells others who you are."

Course Description: The Advanced Placement European History course is considered the equivalent of a full-year, freshman *college* survey course in Western Civilization. It is designed to prepare students for the AP European History Exam in May. Students who pass the exam (3 or better out of 5) *may* earn college credits.

In addition to providing a basic narrative of events and movements, the goals of the AP European History program are to develop: (a) an understanding of the principal themes in modern European history, (b) an ability to analyze historical evidence, and (c) an ability to analyze and express historical understanding in writing. What sets this course apart from an "honors" course is *extensive* reading of college level texts, combined with a heavy emphasis upon analytical skills that include forming and substantiating various historical hypotheses. Major themes of the course include the basic chronology and major events and trends in European history from approximately 1350 to the present, as well as various interpretations of the European past. Significant emphasis is given to political and diplomatic history, intellectual and cultural history, and social and economic history.

All students enrolled in AP European History will take the AP European History exam on **Friday, May 7, 2010**. There is an assistance program to help students in need cover some, if not most, of the \$80+ cost. Therefore, any student who does not take the exam will be required to complete a major alternative research assignment.

Classroom Expectations

- **Responsibility:** Responsibility is the key to success, and the remedy for failure. No excuses - ever!
- **Respect:** Respect the person and property of those around you.
- **Right:** Right action, right effort, right speech, and right thought.
- **NO** food, drink, or gum. Water, and only water, is always ok.
- Cell phones, iPods, and other "toys" are not allowed. If I take it, you may pick it up in June.
- Hall Passes: 2 per semester. No passes during lectures, exams, quizzes, videos, or when we have a sub.
- Late homework will **NEVER** be accepted without a **full-day excused** readmit.
- No credit will be given for incomplete or sloppy homework. If you're tardy, so is your homework.
- Neatness, spelling, and grammar **ALWAYS** count!
- The Los Amigos cheating policy will be strictly enforced - no exceptions! In addition to the consequences of the schoolwide policy, any violation forfeits **ALL** participation and extra credit points for the semester.

Summer Assignments: Due the first day of the school year - **No exceptions:**

- The Europe Map Poster
- Preparation of Interactive Notebook

Texts:

Kagan, Donald, Steven Ozment, and Frank M. Turner. The Western Heritage. 9th ed. Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice Hall, 2006.

Sherman, Dennis, ed. Western Civilization: Sources, Images, and Interpretations, Renaissance to the Present. 4th ed, volumes I & II, New York: McGraw-Hill, 2000.

AP European History with CD-Rom (REA)

Assignments: All necessary forms may be obtained from the class website: **www.apeuropeanlahs.org**

- Interactive Notebooks: Cornell Notes and Guided Reading Questions (GRQ)
 - FRQ Essays = "*Free Response Questions*"
 - DBQ Essays = "*Document Based Questions*"
 - Primary Source Literature Analysis (POV)
- Monday Quizzes and quiz corrections will continue in the WH9H style throughout the year.
 - European map quizzes will be given approximately once per month throughout the year.
 - Unit examinations will be two-day exams, consisting of 80 multiple-choice + a writing portion.
 - All exams are graded using the AP exam rubric - imposing a 1/4 pt. penalty for wrong answers.
 - Semester finals will be **cumulative**, multiple-choice only. Sem 2 final given in early May.

<u>Assessments: -Grading:</u> <u>Categories</u>	<u>Grading Scale</u>	<u>Semester 1 Categories</u>		<u>Semester 2</u>	
A: 100 - 90	Summer HW / Geography	5%	European Geography	5%	
B: 89.9 - 80	Interactive NB/HW	12.5%	Interactive NB/HW	12.5%	
C: 79.9 - 70	Essays: FRQs/DBQs	12.5%	Essays: FRQs/DBQs	12.5%	
D: 69.9 - 60	Quizzes	10%	Quizzes	10%	
F: 59.9 - 0	5 Exams @ 10% each	50%	3 Exams @ 10% each	30%	
	Final Exam	10%	Final Exam	25%	
			The British Invasion	5%	

Extra Classes: Four Saturday classes will be scheduled during the weeks leading up to the AP Euro Exam. Though extra credit is offered, your attendance is expected, so please keep these dates free.

- **Saturday sessions will NOT be held during Spring Break.**
- Four weekend classes are scheduled: 1 Sat in Jan tbd, Sat 4/7, Sat 4/28, and Sun 5/6.
- Start times for each session will be announced in February.
- Each Saturday class will last 4-6 hours.

Extra credit may be earned by attending Saturday classes and AST. (10pts / hr) 10pts = .1%
 A score of 4 or 5 on the May AP Exam will earn you 1000 points of extra credit (10%).

The AP European History Exam: (Afternoon session - 12:40pm, Friday, 6 May 2010)

Length:	185 minutes (3 hrs, 5 min)		
Format:	<i>multiple-choice</i>	<i>document-based question (DBQ)</i>	<i>free-response question (FRQ)</i>
	55 minutes	15 min read / 45 min write	70 minutes total
	80 questions	1 DBQ with up to 12 documents	choose 2 of 6 (1 per 3)
Weight:	50%	22.5%	13.75% + 13.75%

By signing and submitting this syllabus, I understand that I am committing myself to complete the AP European History course at Los Amigos High School. I also acknowledge that failure to complete summer homework is not grounds for dropping the course and that I will not be allowed to drop at anytime without the permission of my parents, my counselor, my assistant principal, the Los Amigos HS principal, AND Mr. Oberacker.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

 Print Student's Name

 Print Parent's Name

"It's supposed to be hard! If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. The hard is what makes it great!"