

Summer Assignment 2026:

Thank you for signing up to take AP European History!

1st- Check out our 9 Units below and *be prepared to share which of the 9 interests you the most. We will discuss the first week of class.*

2nd- Check out the Free Response Questions from the College Board AP European History from 2026. After scrolling through the SAQs, DBQ and LEQs *be prepared to share in class something that you recognize from World History as well as something else you will be on the lookout to learn more about this year:* [2026 Free Response Questions- AP Euro](#)

9 Units of AP Euro

[Unit 1: Renaissance and Exploration](#)

You'll explore the rapid changes sparked in the Renaissance and trace their legacy through colonialism and a commercial revolution that changed the shape of European society.

Topics may include:

- Classical revival and Renaissance developments
- New monarchies and the foundations of the centralized modern state
- Technological advances and exploration driven by mercantilism
- Colonial expansion and development of the slave trade
- The Columbian Exchange and European commercial revolution

[Unit 2: Age of Reformation](#)

You'll chart the evolving strains of Christianity in Europe and the far-reaching effects of the Reformation on daily and political life.

Topics may include:

- The birth of Protestantism and Catholic Reformation
- Political impacts of religious upheaval and the wars of religion
- Changes in daily life and public enforcement of morals
- Mannerism and Baroque Art

[Unit 3: Absolutism and Constitutionalism](#)

You'll study the development of new forms of political power and how new political institutions affected relationships among states and between states and individuals.

You'll also learn about the social, political, and cultural effects of economic developments in Europe.

Topics may include:

- The rise of absolutism and challenges to it
- English Civil War and the Glorious Revolution
- The Agricultural Revolution and the development of market economies
- The balance of power in Europe, shifting alliances, and new forms of warfare

[Unit 4: Scientific, Philosophical, and Political Developments](#)

You'll study how scientific thinking and new strains of political thought combined with technological advances transformed much of 18th-century life in Europe.

Topics may include:

- The Scientific Revolution and developments in understanding of the natural world
- The Enlightenment and new schools of political thought
- Population growth and urbanization
- Neoclassicism and the consumer revolution

[Unit 5: Conflict, Crisis, and Reaction in the Late 18th Century](#)

You'll chart England's increasing role in European matters and the reverberations of the French Revolution across Europe.

Topics may include:

- The rise of global markets and the growth of Britain's power
- The French Revolution, Napoleon's reign, and the Congress of Vienna
- Romanticism

[Unit 6: Industrialization and Its Effects](#)

You'll learn about the transformational effects of the Industrial Revolution, technology, and urbanization on European society and political thought.

Topics may include:

- The Industrial Revolution and societal changes
- Developments in communication, transportation, and manufacturing
- The Concert of Europe and conservatism
- The revolutions of 1848
- Reform movements, critiques of capitalism, and the emergence of political parties

[Unit 7: 19th-Century Perspectives and Political Developments](#)

You'll explore how the political forces of nationalism and shifting alliances set the stage for World War I.

Topics may include:

- National unification movements
- Popular nationalism and Zionism
- Realpolitik and Bismarck's reshaping of European alliances
- Darwinism and Social Darwinism
- The influence of modernism in intellectual and cultural life
- New Imperialism in Asia and Africa

[Unit 8: 20th-Century Global Conflicts](#)

You'll learn about the great upheavals of the 20th century, as well as cultural developments and changing political structures.

Topics may include:

- World War I and its legacy
- The Russian Revolution
- The Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations
- The Great Depression

- Fascism and totalitarian movements
- World War II and the Holocaust
- 20th-century cultural reactions

[Unit 9: Cold War and Contemporary Europe](#)

You'll study how competing ideologies and global superpowers came to define much of the latter half of the 20th century.

Topics may include:

- The Marshall Plan and the Iron Curtain
- The Cold War
- Nationalist and separatist movements fueled by ethnic conflict
- The shape of contemporary western democracies
- The fall of communism and the formation of the European Union
- 20th-century feminism
- Decolonization, globalization, and immigration
- Existentialism, postmodernism, and groundbreaking forms of art