

Name of Course: Advanced Placement European History

Course Overview:
This college-level course provides motivated students with the opportunity to earn college credit and satisfies the tenth grade social studies requirement. AP European History will develop students' understanding of the political, military, economic, and social history of Europe from the Renaissance to the present.

Unit of Study	Essential Question(s)	Content/Skill/Concept	Instructional Strategies
The Renaissance	What does the term "Renaissance" mean? What were intellectual and artistic hallmarks of the Renaissance? What developments occurred in the development of the nation state (centralization)?	Art, Social Change, Politics, Northern Renaissance.	Questions and Answers Discussion Documentary: Michelangelo
The Reformation + Discoveries Abroad	What medieval religious developments paved the way for the Reformation? What were the social, political, and economic reactions? Did the reformation represent revolution or continuity? What caused Europeans to discover new trade routes?	The Condition of the Church, Martin Luther, The impact on Germany, The Counter-Reformation, Discovery of America.	Questions and Answers Discussion Essay Writing practice
Absolutism + Constitutionalism	How did Absolutism differ from previous forms of government? What social and economic factors limited monarchs? Which nations most clearly exhibited this new form of government? What was Constitutionalism?	Absolutism, Constitutionalism, Challenges from the Nobility, Bill of Rights, The Dutch Republic, The Rise of Prussia and Austria and Russia.	Questions and Answers Discussion Essay Writing practice Documentary: Land of the Czars (parts)
The Scientific Revolution + Exploration	Why was there a Scientific Revolution? How did this new worldview affect people from diverse classes?	Enlightenment, Enlightened Absolutism, Agricultural Revolution, Population, Cottage Industry, Atlantic Economy.	Questions and Answers Discussion Introduction: DBQ

	How did the Scientific Revolution impact political developments? How did European build the first global economy?		Map Project
Changing Society + The French Revolution	How did marriage patterns, diet, child rearing, and culture change? What caused this era of revolution? What were the ideas and objectives of revolutionary leaders? What were the gains and losses of the upper and lower classes?	Family, Education, Religion, Liberty and Equality, American Revolutionary Era, World War, Napoleonic era.	Questions and Answers Discussion Essay Writing practice (DBQ) Documentary: Napoleon (parts)
Industrial Revolution + Ideologies	What characterized the Industrial Revolution? What were its origins and how did it develop? How did the Industrial revolution affect people and society? How did the revolutionary era continue? What characterized socialist thought?	Industrialization in Britain, Industrialization on the Continent, Capital and Labor, Peace Settlement, Romanticism, Socialism, Revolutions of 1848.	Questions and Answers Discussion Essay Writing practice (DBQ)
Urbanization + Nationalism	What was life like in the city? How did families change with urbanization? Why did Nationalism become the new faith in Europe and the US? How did Nationalism evolve?	City, Class structure, Family, Scientific Thought, Nation-building in Italy and Germany and the US, Modernization of Russia, Marxism, Napoleon III.	Questions and Answers Discussion Essay Writing practice (DBQ)
Imperialism + World War I	Why did European expansion occur? What were the consequences for the West? How did this expansion affect the rest of the world? What caused the Great War? How did the war lead to the fall of empires? How did WW I help shape the modern world?	Global Economy, Great Migration, Imperialism, Responses to Imperialism, Home-Front, Russian Revolution, Peace Settlement.	Questions and Answers Discussion Essay Writing practice (DBQ)

Interwar Years + World War II	How did doubt and searching for meaning affect thought, art, and culture? Why did leaders fail to rebuild Europe? What was the nature of twentieth-century dictatorship? What was life like in the USSR and Germany? How did the rise of dictatorships result in another world war?	Modern Art and Music, Search for Peace, Modern Thought, Great Depression, Authoritarianism, Stalin's USSR, Hitler and Mussolini, Nazi Expansion, WW II.	Questions and Answers Discussion Essay Writing practice (DBQ)	Unit Exam (Multiple-Choice + Essay) SAQ (Short Answer Question) DBQ (Document-Based Question)
Cold War + European Union	What were the causes of the Cold War? How did Europe make such a remarkable recovery? How did women's lives change? Why did efforts at reforming Communism fail? What were the consequences of the end of the Cold War? What new challenges faced Europe in the twenty-first century?	Division of Europe, Western Renaissance, Soviet Eastern Europe, Social Transformations, Late Cold War, Decline of Communism, The Revolutions of 1989, Building a new Europe, New Challenges.	Questions and Answers Discussion Essay Writing practice (DBQ) Documentary: Gorbachev (parts)	Unit Exam (Multiple-Choice + Essay) SAQ (Short Answer Question) DBQ (Document-Based Question)