



AP EUROPEAN HISTORY 2015-2016 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

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Welcome to Advanced Placement European History at Bancroft School!

I love teaching AP European History, and I look forward to working with you next year. The course begins with the Renaissance, around 1450 and continues to the present. As a result we will be doing a large sweep of time, so it really helps to briefly review the development of western civilization up to 1450. The summer reading materials will give you a very brief overview of this period, thus setting the stage for the Renaissance. If you have any questions please feel free to email me over the summer ebearse@bancroftschool.org.

GOALS:

- To gain an understanding of European history and culture, including concepts in politics, economics, social history, philosophy, art, music and science.
- To improve analytical skills, including comprehensions, comparison, synthesis, and formulation of generalizations with substantiating evidence
- To improve reading, writing, and oral presentation skills

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT: Due in class Tuesday September 8, 2015

I would like you to please read the following chapters from your textbook **Kagan, The Western Heritage Since 1300: AP Edition, 11/e.**

INTRODUCTION: The West Before 1300 pages. 1-34

- Read this chapter as a review of history up to 1300. Pay special attention to the *Europe Enters the Middle Ages* and *Church and State in the High Middle Ages*
- Answer review questions 6 and 7 at the end of the chapter.

CHAPTER 1: The Late Middle Ages: Social and Political Breakdown (1300-1453)

- Read and **OUTLINE** this chapter.
- Answer review questions 1-6

Expect a test on Chapter 1 and the two sections of the introduction mentioned above during the first two weeks of school. The textbook should be available from the bookstore. We will be using myhistorylab as a platform for our course so you will have access to both a hard copy and a digital copy of the textbook.

Have a wonderful summer,
Ms. Bearse