

Curriculum at a Glance

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AP European History is a College Board certified class in which students engage in the study of events, documents, movements and people emphasizing the importance of European History and Development (the roots of much of their own culture) with a focus on developing college level skills and preparing them for college level thinking and tasks. Furthermore they will explore content in greater depth and highlight nuance and relevance to their lives and the modern world. Through this content, students will develop a bevy of skills focused on: historical causation, patterns of continuity and change over time, periodization, comparison, contextualization, historical argumentation, appropriate use of evidence, interpretation and synthesis. In addition to skills encouraged by the College Board, the class will also focus on historiography, case studies, seminar discussion, and other college and real world style assignments.

Unit Name	Essential Content
Out of the Middle Ages, Renaissance and Rebirth: 1450-1648	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Renaissance<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Challenges to Middle Ages Thought○ Humanism, Art, and State Formation● The Reformation<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Luther and other religious thinkers○ Religious Wars and Secularism○ Science and Exploration○ An introduction to historiography○ Social History of the Preindustrial Period
Emergence of Modern European States: 1648-1815	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Absolute Monarchy and Constitutional Republics<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Transformation of England<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Dutch Republic and Golden Age■ Absolute Empires: Spain, France, Russia et al■ Commercial and Industrial Development● Enlightenment and Revolution<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Enlightenment and its Effects○ The French Revolution, Napoleon and Historiography

<p>Empire, Expansion, and Development and War: 1815-1914</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Industrial Revolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ England and Early Industrial Development ○ Unions, Marx, and Ideological Change ○ Reform, Reaction, and the 2nd Industrial Revolution ● The Revolutions of 1848 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Rise of Conservative and Liberal thought ○ Failure and the Breakdown of European Peace ● Rising Tensions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Imperialism, Social Darwinism, and Escalation ○ Modernism, Anxiety, and the Road to World War I ○
<p>Europe in Transition - War and Repercussion: 1914-Present</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● World War I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Industrialized War, Carnage, and the Lost Generation ○ Unclosed Wounds, and the Failure of Versailles ● The Rise of Fascism and the Road to World War II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fascism, Depression, and Totalitarianism ○ World War II: Causes and Effects ● The Cold War <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Globalization of Conflict, Europe in the Balance ○ Non-Alignment, Decolonization, and Consequences ● Modern Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Collapse of the Soviet Union and Birth of the EU ○ The European Union and its current struggles