

Who Should take AP/IB European History?

The obvious answer to this question is anyone who is interested in the history and its big questions— Why did previous generations make the decisions they did? What was the impact of those decisions? How do these decision still shape our world today?—should take this course. Students who are interested in a career in the law or public service as well as those interested in improving their writing and analytical skills should certainly take this course.

HOW TO SUCCEED IN AP/IB EUROPEAN HISTORY :

- Ask questions
- Read critically
- Be analytical
- Take notes
- Complete assignments and study outside of class
- Think of the people you're studying as living human beings



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Why take AP/ IB European History?

This college-level course will provide students with better understanding of the world in which they live, one that has been dominated—for better and worse—by Europe. Since the study of history focuses on the politics, art, literature, science and social challenges of a given period, this course has something for everyone. Furthermore, the writing and analytical skills taught in this course will be one of the best preparations for the rigors of the college classroom. Lastly, it's fun! It's like people-watching through the ages!



COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Prepare students for the AP and IB exams
- Improve reading and writing skills
- Improve critical thinking
- Learn to think about a problem from multiple perspectives and points of view

COURSE TOPICS:

Material Covered—Semester 1

- Renaissance Europe
- Exploration and Colonization
- Reformation
- Absolutism and the Growth of the Nation-State
- Enlightenment and French Revolution
- Industrial Revolution

Material Covered—Semester 2

- Unification and Nationalism in the 19th Century
- The Age of Imperialism
- World War I
- The Russian Revolution and the Specter of Communism
- Depression and the Rise of Fascism
- World War II
- Postwar Europe—Cold War, Western Recovery, and Collapse of Communism



COURSE GRADES:

Reading quizzes

Short opinion writes

Participation in class discussions and debates

Semester research papers

Role Playing Projects

Exams