**2019 AP European History Summer Assignment**

**Course Textbook**

John McKay, A History of Western Society for the AP course, **12th edition**, Bedford, Freeman & Worth, 2017.  **ISBN: 978-1-319-03598-3**

We will also be using the document source book that accompanies the textbook entitled Sources For Western Society since 1300, **3rd edition,** Bedford, Freeman & Worth**. ISBN: 978-1-4576-1521-4**

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**Assignment I**

Please read Chapter 12, European Society in the Age of the Renaissance, pp. 356-388. Answer the four questions found at the end of the chapter in the section entitled, “Review the Main Ideas,” on p.388. Each of your answers should be **at least** a paragraph in length.

*You may find a link to this chapter in the textbook at*

*Link: <https://macmillan.box.com/s/nq897niphei9tes8o57fm5yahd5ligb6>*

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**Assignment II**

Please read Chapters 15-19 from The Prince by Niccolo Machiavelli. These chapters can be found online at a number of different sites, for example, at Project Gutenberg.

Choose a well-known leader in politics, business or other field. Consider whether, and how, your chosen leader’s life does, or does not, show that Machiavelli’s advice to leaders is still relevant today. This essay should be **at least** two pages in length.

**Assignment III**

Please read Voltaire’s Candide.

This short satiric tale contains a great deal of criticism of philosophical systems and of society as a whole. Please write a two page response in which you explain what you found humorous in this tale, what observations you agreed with or disagreed with, and what you learned from Voltaire’s work.

**Assignment IV**

Please read Elie Wiesel’s Night.

After you have completed your reading, write a response to the reading. In your response, please examine the major themes raised by the book and what you found striking about these themes. Was there anything particularly compelling about this reading? Would you recommend this reading to a fellow student and if so, why?