

2018 AP European History Summer Assignment

The course textbook is A History of Western Society since 1300 for AP, 12th edition, by John McKay. We will be using the textbook and the online Launchpad system. The ISBN for the textbook and for Launchpad access is 9781319122942 and should be listed as "History of Western Society Since 1300 for AP® 12E & LaunchPad for A History of Western Society Since 1300 for AP* 12E (1-Use Access)"

You may find the summer reading from the textbook here:

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Your summer assignment has three parts.

Part I

Please read from the textbook Chapter 11, The Later Middle Ages, 1300-1450, pp. 322-353

Please answer the questions for analysis 1-2 on page 342.

Please answer questions 1-4 on page 344 and write a one page response: How did population decline and economic crisis, and the response of those in power to these challenges, spur calls for reform and revolts among peasants and workers?

Please read Chapter 12, European Society in the Age of the Renaissance, pp. 356-388. Please 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

Part II

Please read from The Prince by Niccolo Macchiavelli Chapters 15-19. 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.

Part 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.