

AP European History

Preliminary reading Assignment

Welcome to AP European History. Due to the pace of this course and the opportunity to participate in the nationwide test of our skills and abilities in this subject area, we must accelerate the process of covering all of the important time periods and events in modern European history. Therefore, before class begins, please complete the following assignment:

1. Read Chapters 12 & 13 in your textbook; A History of Western Society.
2. Familiarize yourself with the map of modern Europe by accessing the following website:
<http://www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/europe.html>
3. Use your text, research materials, and the World Wide Web to gather information on the topics listed below. All of these topics pertain to the history of Europe during the Middle Ages, the time period directly preceding the Renaissance. Write a brief (3-4 sentence) description of each topic. Some topics will require a more detailed explanation than others.

feudalism	Black Death	Holy Roman Empire	universities
fief	long bow	investiture controversy	Joan of Arc
First Crusade	Agincourt	Christendom	Boniface VIII
Church hierarchy	Philip IV (France)	treatment of Jews	Avignon Papacy
manorialism	role of women	Council of Constance	Conciliarism
scholasticism	guilds	Hundred Years War	Council of Basel
Henry II (England)	John Wyclif	Philip II (France)	John Hus

Pope Innocent III

Jacquerie

Great Schism

role of children

vassal

monasticism

Medieval Italy

role of towns

4. Write a 1-2 page essay, in MLA format, summarizing the history of Europe from the fall of the Western Roman Empire to the rise of the Renaissance. This should be a very general overview of the time period that demonstrates your understanding of the events leading up to and shaping the beginnings of modern European history.