

Carson High School
Advanced Placement European History

Dear Students and Parents,

I would like to welcome you to our AP European History class! This letter is intended to prepare you for the requirements and the format of this class. Compared with a regular high school course, the AP Euro course will be much more demanding as there is the chance to earn college credit and a 6.0 scale for high school course credit. **You will be asked to read and write more, to analyze historical material, to synthesize ideas, and to evaluate the ideas of others (both other students and historians). A strict honor code requiring independent, original work on all assignments and assessments will be in place for this course.**

This course teaches students relevant, factual knowledge about European History from 1450-2001. The areas of concentration include historical, political, and economic history coupled with a study of cultural and intellectual institutions. Students will explore social history with an emphasis on the experiences of different social classes, genders, and religious/ethnic groups. Our hope is to present and analyze these various points of view in a balanced approach. **This course will be taught at the college level.** Completing the readings as well as all other assignments, asking questions in class for clarification, and making every effort to be present both physically as well as mentally for each class is essential. Each student will be expected to comprehend, analyze, discuss, and memorize a variety of facts from primary as well as secondary sources, class lectures, discussions, and independent work. Students will grow academically and personally as a result and with adequate preparation for the AP exam will have the opportunity to earn college credit.

Our units of study will include: the end of feudalism and Renaissance, Reformation and New Monarchies, Exploration and French Wars of Religion, the Age of Louis XIV and Absolutism, the rise of Prussia, the Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment, the French Revolution, Nationalism, Romanticism, Imperialism, World War I, the Russian Revolution, the Worldwide Great Depression, World War II, Cold War Politics, and 20th century social movements. The class syllabus can be found on our class website. Please refer to it for other course specifics. As always all Rowan county and JCHS policies will also be enforced.

Parents and students please sign the statement below indicating that you have read the expectations of AP European History students and return this paper to Mrs. Reynolds as soon as possible but no later than the first Friday of the semester.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kelly Reynolds
Social Studies Teacher
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I understand that AP European History is taught as a college-level History course and as such will require a strong commitment to complete outside reading and writing. Also, I understand that all work is to be the student's independent, original work and that a strict honor code will be in place for all assignments and assessments.

Parents: _____ Students: _____
Date: _____ Date: _____