

AP EUROPEAN HISTORY
Preparation Research Project

Welcome to AP EUROPEAN History. This year will be a new and exciting year of adventure, challenge, enlightenment, exploration, and growth as a student and a Christian. The following is a required research project that is due on the first day of class. I must have a hard copy and electronic copy. **It will be counted as a project grade for the first quarter. Project grades count as 20% of your class grade.** Its purpose is to cover important material in more detail than the schedule during the year allows me to cover. This material will also be on the first formal assessment on Friday, August 19th.

- I. Prompt: You will write a research paper responding to the following prompt:
- A. "In what ways and to what extent did the Black Death and the 100 Years War effect the institution of feudalism in Europe in the 14th and 15th centuries?"
- II. General Instructions
- A. The research paper must be typed.
- B. The research paper must be your own work.
- C. It must be at least 1500 words.
- D. It must follow standard MLA format
1. Double spaced
 2. 12 pt font
 3. Title page
- E. **IT MUST HAVE PROPER MLA CITATIONS**
1. Remember, failure to cite is plagiarism which results in a grade of 0
- F. **IT IS DUE MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2011.**
1. The electronic copy must be in my email by 9:00 am Monday morning.
 2. My email address is rpibl@gracechristian.net
- III. Grading Rubric
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| A. Essay structure; Introduction, conclusion and multiple support paragraphs | 5 points |
| B. Thesis that answers the question | 5 points |
| C. Thesis that is detailed, explicit and fully responsive to question | 10 points |
| D. Correct grammar and spelling | 10 points |
| E. Supports paragraphs that begin with reference to thesis and theme | 10 points |
| F. Transition sentences for each paragraph | 5 points |
| G. At least 5 SPECIFIC FACTS per support paragraph | 15 points |
| H. Analysis of each specific fact as it relates to your thesis | 30 points |
| I. Proper MLA citations | 10 points |
- IV. Sources: So long as they are properly cited and reasonably legitimate, any source is useable. This includes, but is not limited to, internet, books, magazines, movies, and documentaries.
- A. My wiki site has all of the primary sources that we will used during the year on it and some of those primary sources may be useful for this paper.

- B. In addition, during the summer, I will provide additional resources on my wiki site that may aid in your paper.
 - C. You may contact me through the wiki site or my email with questions.
 - D. You may share resources with each other.
- V. To the extent anyone is interested in purchasing their own used textbook to use for this paper and during the year, here is the full title with ICBN number of the textbook we will use during the year.
- A. Kagan, Donald, Steven Ozment, and Frank M. Turner. *The Western Heritage.*, Ninth ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2007.
 - 1. ISBN 0-13-173292-7