

AP EUROPEAN HISTORY – SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

Ms Luhn's Class

*Summer Reading

* Students will be required to read “*The Prince*” by Niccolo Machiavelli: This is a short social-political description of politics within society. The book’s primarily focus is the acquisition and maintance of, the principals of and the mastery of... power.

The text is available: 1) Hard copy from the Counseling Center to be checked out before school is out, OR...

2) Any e-reader (i.e.: Amazon/Kindle, B&N Nook, Apple I Pad etc) as it is

Free on iBooks and Guttenberg

3) OR at the following web site: www.constitution.org/mac/prince00.htm

* Students must answer the following questions and be prepared to discuss them in class during the first week of school. The questions will count as part of the first test grade of the course.

**Questions:

1. In what respects was Machiavelli a “Renaissance man” and in what respects did he Transcend his time and place?
2. What is meant by the “lion” and the “fox”...Ch 18
3. In chapter nine Machiavelli addresses what he believes to be the desires of the common citizen and how the prince should rule, what are these? Do you agree or disagree with Machiavelli’s position – defend your answer.
4. What is Machiavelli’s position on arming citizens?
5. Machiavelli addresses the question of “Does a man rise to meet the time or event or does the event or time make the man ?” What is your position?

***YouTube:** Watch the following Crash Courses reviewing your World and early European History (APEH begins at about 1350 A.D.) Each takes about twelve minutes – write a short (two or three sentence) summary of each video. Due the second full week of school.

Crash Course World History #5	Persians and Greeks
Crash Course World History #8	Alexander the Great
Crash Course World History # 12	Fall of Rome
Crash Course World History #14	The Dark Ages
Crash Course World History #15	The Crusades
Crash Course World History #19	Venice and the Ottomans
Crash Course WH II #224	The Vikings
Crash Course WH II #211	The Bronze Age
Crash Course WH II #201	Rethinking Civilization
Crash Course WH II #204	War and Human Nature

***Know the 40 most important dates** in Western (European and American) History .. List is attached: it is in chronological order...be prepared to use this knowledge right away.

***Review a MODERN European map**...know where to find the modern countries! We will NOT be a cautionary tale concerning European geography!

* **One movie** is to be watched over the summer - choose from the following options. All are highly acclaimed, award winning films. Several were made into screen plays after the books had become very culturally influential.

Amadeus (1984), a reflection on the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Mozart is considered of all composers, to be the most complete genius of the Classical period. Although the movie takes liberties with the truth of Mozart's life (ie: he was not a frivolous playboy) it does give the viewer a sense of the time period and the extraordinary talent of this fascinating musician.

All Quiet on the Western Front (1930) Won the Academy Award for Best Picture: One of the most influential anti-war movies ever made...it follows a group of idealist young Germans as they join the army during World War I and are assigned to the Western Front. This movie (and also the book from which the movie was taken) would be banned and burned by the Nazis.

Longest Day (the movie) (1962): Many of the people involved in the making of this film were actual participants in the D Day landing, and several props were actual pieces of personal equipment that went ashore with the actor when they were involved in the invasion. The original film was made in black and white and the Germans speak German (with sub titles). The list of famous actors in the film is very long - as actors lined up to participate no matter how small the part.

Das Boot (1981- re released 1997): A German film - it is the story of a single patrol of one WW II U-boat, U-96, as adapted from the book of the same name by Buchheim. It is a film that takes the audience on a "journey to the edge of the mind". *Das Boot* is celebrated as one of Germany's best and highest grossing film.

Iron Lady (2011) The life of Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of Britain through the turbulent 1980s (Falkland War, debate over the Euro etc)

Monuments Men (2014) From a portion of the book *Monuments Men*, recounting the attempt to save and/or rescue the artistic masterpieces of Europe during WWII. All start cast

You only need to watch one film...so pop some popcorn, gather the Fam and some friends and pick your flick!

Important Historical Dates for European History...

- 1) Greek-Persian Wars: 499-480 BC
- 2) Alexander the Great Died: 323 BC
- 3) Pax Romana: 20 BC-180 AD
- 4) Life of Jesus: 4 BC - 29 AD
- 5) Fall of Western Roman Empire: 476 AD
- 6) Life of Muhammad (Islam Founded): 570-632 AD
- 7) The Battle of Tours (Europeans defeat Muslim Moors): 732 AD
- 8) Abbasid Dynasty: 750-1258 AD
- 9) Charlemagne Crowned by Pope: 800 AD
- 10) The Great Schism in Christianity: 1054 AD
- 11) Battle of Hastings (Norman Invasion of England): 1066 AD
- 12) The Crusades: 1095-1291 AD
- 13) Beginning of Mongol Conquests: 1211 AD
- 14) Magna Carta: 1215 AD

- 15) Black Death in Europe: 1345-1351 AD (killed nearly half of European population)
- 16) The Renaissance in Europe: 1450-1600 AD
- 17) Fall of Constantinople: 1453 AD
- 18) The Reconquista (Spain unified): 1492 AD
- 19) First Voyage of Columbus: 1492 AD
- 20) Beginning of Protestant Reformation: 1517 AD
- 21) The Enlightenment in Europe: 1650-1800 AD
- 22) Beginning of the Second Industrial Revolution: 1750 AD
- 23) American Revolution: 1775-1781 AD (July 4th 1776)
- 24) French Revolution: 1789-1799 AD (July 14, 1789)
- 25) Rule of Napoleon Bonaparte: 1799-1814 AD
- 26) Karl Marx Published the "Communist Manifesto" : 1848 AD
- 27) American Civil War: 1860: 1864 AD
- 28) Chinese Revolution (end of Chinese dynastic rule): 1911-1912 AD
- 29) World War I: 1914-1918 AD
- 30) Bolshevik Revolutions in Russia: 1917 AD
- 31) Influenza Pandemic: 1918-1919 AD (killed an estimated 50 million people world wide)

- 32) Beginning of the Great Depression: 1929 AD
- 33) World War II: 1939-1945 AD
- 34) Creation of Israel: 1948 AD
- 35) Mao Zedong Established the People's Republic of China: 1949 AD
- 36) Korean War: 1950-1953 AD
- 37) Vietnam War: 1959-1975 AD
- 38) Fall of Berlin Wall: 1989 AD
- 39) Fall of the Soviet Union (End of Cold War): 1991 AD
- 40) Washington DC and New York City - 9/11: 2001 AD