

INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Social Studies Curriculum - May 2009

AP European History

Course Description:

The AP European History course is the equivalent of a college level introductory course. The course covers European history from the High Renaissance in 1450 to the present. The course is developed around the themes provided by the College Board in the 2006 Acorn Book. Thus, major emphasis is given to political, diplomatic, economic, social, intellectual and cultural trends from 1450 to the present. Factual information will come from a variety of sources: a college textbook, supplementary primary and secondary materials, document based questions (DBQs) and free response questions (FRQs) from 1976 to the present, and instructor's lectures. Student involvement will center around class discussions, the Harkness method of student presentation, group role-playing, and note taking.

Course Goals:

The purpose of this course is to offer highly motivated sophomores, juniors, and seniors the opportunity to earn college credit, if they pass the AP test. By providing the students with factual information and through developing the skills of critical thinking and reading, interpretation and analysis of sources, and oral and written communication, the student should not only pass the test but also become a life long learner. The students hone the skills for the exam by writing answers to past DBQs and FRQs. The DBQs will also give the students practice in analyzing and interpreting maps, statistics, works of art, and graphic materials. The student must analyze the information in the documents and the point of view of the source, and then correctly group the documents to support their thesis. The students learn to gather evidence to support a thesis whether it is through grouping and analyzing documents in a DBQ or through researching sources for a term paper. Access to sources extends beyond our library, as our school belongs to a consortium of the public library and local university libraries. In the final analysis, the student not only learns more about Europe, but also enriches their high school experience and prepares them for a successful college career.

Renaissance

Topics:

- Development of the Italian Renaissance
- Intellectual aspects of the Renaissance-Humanism
- Art, Artists, and Writers
- Changes in society and education
- Northern Renaissance
- City-States and Italian politics
- Development of nation- states in Western Europe

Primary Sources:

- Alberti Machiavelli Erasmus
- Thomas More Petrarch

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Reformation

Topics:

- Power and problems of the Catholic Church
- Martin Luther-the revolt begins
- The reaction to Protestantism in Germany
- The spread and fragmentation of Protestantism
- The Catholic Reformation/Counter Reformation

Primary Sources:

- Calvin
- Luther
- Erasmus
- Loyola
- Teresa of Avila

Age of Religious Wars and Discovery-1515-1648

Topics:

- Civil and religious wars in France
- Rise and fall of Spanish power
- The 30 Years War: causes and consequences
- Oversees exploration and empire
- Witch hunts, slavery and the changing status of women
- Baroque: literature, art, music, and architecture

Primary Sources:

- Columbus
- Jacob Fugger

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Absolutism vs. Constitutionalism 1589-1715

Topics:

- French absolutism as built by Richelieu, Mazarin and Louis XIV
- The struggle between absolutism and constitutionalism in England
- The growth of Austria, Russia, and Prussia at the expense of Poland and the Ottoman Empire
- Rocco and neoclassicism in art

Primary Sources:

- Locke
- Hobbes
- Jean Bodin
- James I
- Richelieu
- 1996 DBQ Dutch Republic: Rise and Fall

Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment 1500- 1775

Topics:

- Impact of the scientific revolution on European traditions
- The Enlightenment
- Enlightened Despots
- Mercantilism
- 18th century wars

Primary Sources:

- Adam Smith
- Voltaire
- Rousseau
- Galileo
- Newton
- Fredrick the Great

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Social and Economic Changes

Topics:

- The Agriculture Revolution
- Population explosion
- Growth of cottage industry
- Family and marriage
- Education and child care
- Changes in diet and medical practices
- Religion and popular culture

Primary Sources:

- Rousseau on education
- Wollstonecraft
- 1988 DBQ Gin Act in Britain or 1985 DBQ Juvenile crime and treatment in Britain

French Revolution and Napoleon 1775-1815

Topics:

- Causes and background to the French Revolution
- Evolution of the French Revolution from a middle class movement to the Reign of Terror
- The wars and policies of Republican France
- The rise and fall of Napoleon

Primary Topics:

- Olympe De Gournay
- Sieyès
- Robespierre
- Napoleon

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Reaction, Romanticism, and Revolution 1815-1850

Topics:

- Congress of Vienna and conservatism
- Romantic movement in art, literature, and music
- Reforms in Britain
- Revolutions on the continent

Primary Sources:

- Mazzini
- Edmund Burke
- Metternich Bentham
- 1998 DBQ: German Unity before 1848 or 2001 DBQ: Greek Independence and Nationalism

Industrial Revolution

Topics:

- Reasons for the Industrial Revolution to start in Britain
- Technological advances that aided the Industrial Revolution
- Working and living conditions of the labors
- Socialism and Marxism

Primary Sources:

- Dickens
- Balzac
- Flora Tristan
- 2002 DBQ: Manchester

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Age of Nationalism 1850-1914

Topics:

- France of Napoleon III
- Unification of Germany and Italy
 - Key people- Cavour and Bismarck
 - Wars of unification
- Nation-states 1871-1914: Britain, France, Germany, and Austro-Hungary
- Russia 1850-1905-Reform and Reaction
- Impressionism in the arts

Primary Sources:

- Bismarck
- Cavour
- Napoleon III
- Disraeli
- Queen Victoria

Changes in Social History

Topics:

- Problems and Benefits of Urban Life
- Living and Working Conditions of the Middle and Working Classes
- Social changes in the family:
 - Gender roles
 - Raising children
- New technology:
 - Radio
 - Movies
- Modern philosophies: Nietzsche, Sorel, etc.
- Realism in the arts

Primary Sources:

- Freud
- Wagner
- Darwin
- Spencer
- Pius IX

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World War I and Peace Treaties

Topics:

- Causes: Alliances, Nationalism, Imperialism, Militarism and a series of ongoing Crisis
- Major battles: the Marne, Tannenberg, and Jutland
- The Home fronts
- The Russian Revolution
- Peace Treaties
- Expressionism and surrealism

Primary Sources:

- Kipling
- Wilfred Owen
- Erich Remarque
- Kaiser William II
- 2003 DBQ Civil Peace in Germany or 1984 DBQ German aircraft industry

Russia from 1920-1945

Topics:

- Civil War: Reds vs. Whites
- Power struggle of Stalin vs. Trotsky
- Stalin's purges and 5 Year plans
- Structure of Stalin's dictatorship

Primary Sources:

- Lenin
- Trotsky
- Stalin
- Nicholas II
- Witte
- 1999 DBQ Russia peasants after emancipation

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Fascist Dictatorships in World War II

Topics:

- Democracy's struggle with the Great Depression
- Mussolini's rise and rule to 1940
- Hitler's rise and rule to 1939
- Fascist march of aggression to 1939
- World War II
- Cubism and Abstract Expressionism

Primary Sources:

- Toynbee
- Churchill
- Simone de Beauvoir
- Charles de Gaulle
- Solzhenitsyn
- Walesa
- 2005 DBQ: European Unity 1946-1989

The Cold War

Topics:

- Marshall Plan and NATO vs. Molotov Plan and Warsaw Pact
- Resurgence of Western Europe
 - The Common Market and development of the European Union
 - Decolonization
- Eastern European resistance to Soviet domination- 1953-1991
- Fall of Communism
- Feminist and Youth Movement

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Resources:

McKay, Hill, and Buckler. A History of Western Society. 8th ed. Houghton Mifflin Co. 2006.

Palmer and Colton. A History of the Modern World. 6th ed. Knopf, Inc. 1984. Available on reserve in our library.

Sherman, Dennis. Western Civilization: Sources, Images, and Interpretations: Renaissance to Present. 2nd ed. McGraw-Hill, Inc. 1995.

Weisner, Ruff, and Wheeler. Discovering the Western Past. Vol 2. 3rd ed. Houghton Mifflin Co. 1997.

Viault, Birdsall S. Modern European History. McGraw Hill. 1990. Available on reserve in our library.

- This source is a good preview and review of our units.

Copies of the DBQs and FRQs since 1976.