

A.P. EUROPEAN HISTORY READING LIST

The first two books are required reading for the A.P. European History course.
YOU ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE THEM READ FOR START OF CLASS.

The two required readings and a few of the suggested readings are available on line so you do not even have to leave the comfort of your computer to get some reading done.

Other than the first two books, the remainder of the list is **suggested** reading. There will be other books during the semester but they will not be from the suggested list and they will be provided in class. Other than the first two books below, the others are only suggestions for your reading enjoyment and historical reference, so you may want to look these over for your poolside summer reading to help prepare for A.P. European history. If you find something else that you believe would be appropriate for history of a time period or situation in European history, contact me and inform me as to why and submit it for reading.

REQUIRED READING FOR FIRST DAY OF CLASS

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| 1. The Prince | Machiavelli * |
| 2. Utopia | Sir Thomas More* |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUMMER READING

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| 1. A Distant Mirror | Barbara Tuchman |
| 2. A World Lit Only by Fire | William Manchester |
| 3. Daughter of Time | Josephine Tey |
| 4. Communist Manifesto* | Marx, Engels |
| 5. Coming Up For Air | George Orwell |
| 6. The Sunflower | Wiesenthal |

*These books can be read online.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

DUE DATE: This assignment is due the first day of class.

Following are questions you should be aware of while reading the books. They do not need to be written or handed in. They are for directed reading.

MACHIAVELLI QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Machiavelli write *The Prince*?
2. Name three recurring themes in *The Prince*.
3. Describe the role of armies according to Machiavelli.
4. Why does Machiavelli say that it is better for a prince "to be both loved and feared?"
Is it possible for a prince to be both? Explain.
5. In Chapter 20, what three bits of advice does Machiavelli give the prince?
6. According to Machiavelli in Chapter 21, what must a prince do to be esteemed?
7. List and describe ten characteristics of a Machiavellian ruler.
8. As you perceive it, describe what a state might be like under a Machiavellian rule.

MORE QUESTIONS

1. Describe the geography of Utopia. What role does geography play in the way Utopian society developed?
 2. Describe the economy of Utopia.
 3. Define the following terms by consulting a dictionary: Capitalism, socialism, Communism.
Based upon the definitions of these terms, what elements of each are present in Utopia?
 4. Choose any five of the following topics and describe their role in Utopia: Cities, community life, Economy, education, artisans, agriculture, philosophy, religion, law, foreign relations, slavery.
 5. What does Utopia tell us about More's views of humans and humanity?
 6. Would it be possible to establish a community like Utopia? Why or why not?
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