

A.P. European History

Summer Assignment

Greetings, and thank you for signing up for A.P. Euro! This course is designed as a college-level course, the content and skills of which are prescribed by The Collegeboard (those SAT people). As such, the students enrolled are expected to take the course seriously, and put in legitimate and sincere time reading, thinking about, and practicing the material covered in class and assigned as reading. The course covers approximately 550 years of history and is built around broad themes and specific details. This requires the blatant memorization of facts and ideas, but also the ability to analyze broad themes and discussions of historical context. So, the assignment is designed to expose you to some of the basic periods of AP Euro and to a few of the themes which are not especially familiar to most high school sophomores.

Here is your mission: Choose **three** of the following art periods: Renaissance, Dutch Realism, Baroque, Neo-Classical, Romantic, Realism, Impressionism, Post-Impressionism, Abstract Expressionism, Cubism, Surrealism, Bauhaus

From each art period you've chosen, perform some research (at the library or online) to appropriately fill in the accompanying **chart**. You need to find the approximate time period in which the period existed, and then you will be examining the general characteristics of each art period you've chosen. Third, try to find important historical events (wars, treaties, governmental decrees, reform movements...), associated with the art periods you're researching. Finally, choose three artists from each period and explain how their work exemplifies the characteristics of periods from which they were created. Try to include two specific works from each artist.

Upon return to school, we'll examine these major periods to illustrate the broad themes to be studied in the class. You should be able to note change over time as you look at the various periods, and hopefully you'll be able to see how art reflects the major themes of the societies from which it was created. These skills are important to be able to analyze to be successful in AP European History.

www.artchive.com is thorough and reliable art history website that I highly recommend you use for your research. The Google is also helpful.