

AP European History



The following topics represent the major concepts studied and assessed in this course.

Semester 1

Unit 1 Renaissance and Exploration

Contextualizing Renaissance and Discovery, Italian Renaissance, Northern Renaissance, Printing, New Monarchies, Technological Advances and the Age of Exploration, Rivals on the World Stage, Colonial Expansion and Columbian Exchange, The Slave Trade, The Commercial Revolution, Causation

Unit 2 Age of Reformation

Contextualizing 16th and 17th-Century Challenges and Developments, Luther and the Protestant Reformation, Wars of Religion, The Catholic Reformation, 16th Society and Politics, Art of the 16th Century: Mannerism and Baroque, Causation

Unit 3 Absolutism and Constitutionalism

Contextualizing State Building, The English Civil War and the Glorious Revolution, Continuities and Changes to Economic Practice and Development, Economic Development and Mercantilism, The Dutch Golden Age, Balance of Power, Absolutist Approaches to Power, Comparison

Unit 4 Scientific, Philosophical, and Political Developments

Contextualizing the Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment, The Scientific Revolution, The Enlightenment, 18th-Century Society and Demographics, 18th-Century Culture and Arts, Enlightened and Other Approaches to Power, Causation

Unit 5 Conflict, Crisis, and Reaction in the Late 18th Century

Contextualizing 18th-Century States, Rise of Global Markets, Britain's Ascendancy, The French Revolution, Napoleon's Rise, Dominance, and Defeat

Semester 2

Unit 6 Industrialization and Its Effects

Contextualizing Industrialization and Its Origins and Effects, Spread of Industry Throughout Europe, Second Wave Industrialization and Its Effects, Social Effects of Industrialization, Concert of Europe and European Conservatism

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Semester 2

Unit 7 19th-Century Perspectives and Political Developments

Contextualizing 19th-Century Perspectives and Political Developments, Nationalism, National Unification and Diplomatic Tensions, Darwinism, Social Darwinism, The Age of Progress and Modernity, New Imperialism: Motivations and Methods, Imperialism's Global Effects, 19th-Century Culture and Arts

Unit 8 20th-Century Global Conflicts

Contextualizing 20th-Century Global Conflicts, World War I, The Russian Revolution and Its Effects, Versailles Conference and Peace Settlement, Global Economic Crisis, Fascism and Totalitarianism, Europe During the Interwar Period, World War II, The Holocaust, 20th-Century Cultural, Intellectual, and Artistic Developments, Continuity and Changes in an Age of Global Conflict

Unit 9 Cold War and Contemporary Europe

Contextualizing Cold War and Contemporary Europe, Rebuilding Europe, The Cold War, Two Super Powers Emerge, Postwar Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict, and Atrocities, Contemporary Western Democracies, The Fall of Communism, 20th-Century Feminism, Decolonization, The European Union, Migration and Immigration, Technology, Globalization, 20th- and 21st-Century Culture, Arts, and Demographic Trends, Continuity and Change in the 20th and 21st Centuries