

Welcome to AP European History! This is one of my favorite classes to teach and one where we get to have a lot of fun exploring the social, political, religious, and scientific changes that shaped our modern world. This class is conducted through a lot of historical simulations, role-plays, and mock trials. But to have that fun in class, there is a lot of content that students need to be comfortable with. This summer assignment and bootcamp is a way to get the year off to a solid start. The two attached PDFs will be used to prepare for our AP Bootcamp session on August 1, 10:15am.

Students will be expected to read:

1. 3 website articles that are listed in the "Overview" PDF. These provide some helpful context.
2. 2 chapters from Stephen Greenblatt's *The Swerve*. This is a more focused look at a specific turning point in the Renaissance and will be used as a centerpiece for our bootcamp session.

Students will be expected to complete:

1. The information scavenger hunt in the "Overview" PDF. Please only write one sentence per item! You can print it off or hand write it or add text to the PDF before printing.
2. The impossibly difficult map quiz that is linked in the "Overview" PDF

For the Bootcamp session students will need to bring a notebook and pen/pencil, and have finished the reading. Printouts of the information scavenger hunt and proof (screenshots) of 3 completions of the map quiz (these can be emailed to me) should also be brought on August 1. In addition, I will be sending some seminar questions to students about a week before our bootcamp session to know what to expect from the seminar and give a chance to prepare for active participation in the seminar.

To reward students for their summer efforts, these tasks will be the first grades in the gradebook and give a great chance to get the 2023-24 school year off to a strong start.

Let me know if you have any questions on the class, summer assignments, or our bootcamp session.

Have a great summer!

■ AP Euro Summer Bootcamp Overview.pdf

■ The Swerve_Ch1_Ch8.pdf