

Dear Advanced Placement Parents,

I would like to take a moment to introduce the AP European History class and myself. My name is Landi Mello and this is my fourth year at Sanger High School. I received my Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Fresno Pacific University and completed the Teacher Education Program at Fresno Pacific University. This will be my fourth year teaching AP European History and I love it! I am incredibly excited to get to know you and your student(s) this coming year and provide them a college level course that will prepare them for the AP exam they will take in May. If your student(s) pass the AP exam with a score of 3 or higher, they are eligible to receive college credits for their course work in European History at participating colleges and universities. I will also award students with a one grade level increase on their final transcript if they pass with a score of 3 or higher (example: if student earns a B, they will receive an A in the course). Not only will students acquire a greater knowledge of history, they will learn how to manage and balance their busy schedules. Due to the demanding nature of this class it is necessary that your student demonstrate both to himself/herself and me that they are willing and able to take on this course. To maintain a rigorous environment, all students must prove themselves capable of the high expectations this class requires. Therefore, your student will be required to complete a Summer Assignment in order to remain in good standing and with a solid foundation in this course. The purpose of assigning this over the summer is to test their ability to balance their time and fulfill all of their responsibilities, which will be required of them throughout their sophomore year, and to determine if this class is the best fit for your student.

I can assure you that if your student decides to commit to this challenge they will not only be a much more competitive college applicant, but they will also be provided with a stimulating and challenging experience that will benefit them throughout their academic career.

In order for you student to remain enrolled in AP European History in good standing, your student will be given their summer assignment, which they will be tested on the first day of school in the fall. Failure to complete the summer assignment and pass the following exams with a 70% or higher may negatively affect their grade for the fall semester.

- 1. Prepare for and pass (minimum of 70%) a Historical Academic Vocabulary exam based on a list of terms provided over the summer.**
- 2. Prepare for and pass (minimum of 70%) a European Geography Map exam based on a list of countries and cities provided over the summer.**
- 3. Prepare for and pass (minimum of 70%) multiple choice and short answer questions exam on Chapter 11 of the textbook.**

Thank you,
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I acknowledge the expectations for my student to remain enrolled in good standing in the AP European History course.

Student name

Parent/Guardian signature

Date