Welcome to AP European History! You are required to complete the Summer Assignment outlined below. Remember, this is a college preparatory class and it will be treated as such.

The class will cover 1450 to the present and will introduce you to European history in the context of culture, economics, politics, and social developments. These factors have had an immense role in shaping our contemporary world; therefore, it is imperative that you as students of history understand the context, the role of conflict, and the development of intellectual thought. It is important that you understand that European history did not suddenly commence in 1450, even though that is where the course will begin in September.

The summer assignment is due the first day of school. You will be graded for all parts of the summer assignment.

Assignment: Choose one book from the list below and complete the following:
I. **Book Review Format**

Write a minimum of a two page review. In the first paragraph, begin with a quote from the book that you thought was interesting and discuss it. Then, critique the book and rate it using a scale of 1 to 4 stars (**** = Enjoyed it greatly, * = Didn't enjoy it at all).

In the remaining paragraphs, choose three specific facts (or people) that you felt were important to understanding the story and analyze them, react to them, and discuss them.

II. **Book Review Questions:**

Answer the following question:

1. What is the author’s overriding thesis? How does he/she prove his thesis?

2. Does he/she explain why detractors from his/her thesis are incorrect or have weak arguments?

3. Discuss the author’s use of evidence to prove his/her Thesis.

4. Write five thoughtful questions you would ask the author about his/her work. Why these questions?

5. Write one Thoughtful question that you would like to ask at least five people mentioned in the book. Why this question? Why these People?

6. What other observations/insights do you have that strike you as interesting?

**Book List – Choose one**


2. *Hilary Mantel, A Place of Greater Safety*
3. Robert Darnton, *The Great Cat Massacre*

4. Erich Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front*

5. Yevgeny Zamyatin, *We*

6. Gisela Bock, *Women In European History*

7. Roland Bainton, *Here I Stand: A life of Martin Luther*

8. Edward Flannery, *The Anguish of the Jews*


10. Camus, *The Plague*

If you have any questions or concerns, e-mail me at MBoyle@eufsdk12.org. I check my e-mail often during the summer.

Do not wait to the last minute. HAVE FUN!!!!!