

The summer assignments for AP European History are as follows:

Read the book *A World Lit by Fire: The Medieval Mind and the Renaissance* by William Manchester, ISBN 0-316-54556.

a) Write a paper describing the main thesis of the book. Also, describe the three supporting arguments that you think best support this thesis. Describe how each of the arguments support the author's thesis. Papers are to be typed, double-spaced and no more than two pages in length.

b) Study the book for a test over the content of the book. The focus of the test will be more on trends and big picture ideas than on details. The test will be given during the first week of class.

Prepare for a map test over the present day countries and capitals of Europe. The test will be given within the first two weeks of class.

Optional:

Many students have found it useful to buy used copies of the course textbook. The text we will use is *A History of the Modern World*, R.R. Palmer, Joel Colton and Lloyd Kramer, New York: Knopf, Publishing Group, 10th edition.