A.P. European History ~ 2023 Summer Assignment

Congratulations! You’ve elected to take one of UAHS’s most challenging and rewarding courses. This course is designed for students who love history and want the challenge of a college-level class while in high school. As you begin your study of European history, it is very important that you know the political and physical geography of the continent. This assignment should assist with that. The Summer Assignment is worth 10% of your Quarter One grade.

ASSIGNMENT.

1. **Purchase a twin pocket file folder with fasteners.** You can find these at most drug, grocery and office supply stores. Our school store sells them for less than a dollar. Make certain that you get a folder with fasteners. You can order them online, but because they are so cheap, you usually can only in this in bulk. Make sure you get the correct type of folder. Here’s an example on Amazon for what you should purchase: https://www.amazon.com/AmazonBasics-Pocket-Folders-Fasteners-25-Pack/dp/B0734V7GRB/

   *Why?* Throughout this course you will be learning a lot of history, any of it may appear on the 2024 A.P. European History Exam. The maps are just the beginning: you will continue to add to this folder with each unit, so that by May 2024 it will serve as a self-made review book. It is something that you will be able to access throughout the course and reference important information even faster than searching for something online.

2. **Make two maps, one physical map and one political map of Europe.** Label on the map the items listed below. I recommend making your map on 11 by 17 inch paper, so that you can make a big, clear map. But you can use whatever size paper is convenient for you: just make the maps clear. Make sure that you make two maps on two pieces of paper. Make sure that the map fits nicely into your folder. Make sure that each map includes all of the content identified below. Make sure that you hand-draw the map—do not trace or create a digital map. The map doesn’t have to be perfectly to-scale. It does, however, need to be generally accurate, especially as the borders of countries and their relation to bodies of water and other physical features are concerned.

   *Why?* You need to know your geography. The places and features you identify on this map are places that I will be discussing in this class. For example, Lake Ladoga played a significant role in how the Soviet Union won World War II. The proximity of Sarajevo to Serbia sparked conflict in both the 1910s and the 1990s. Geneva’s location in the foothills of the Swiss Alps, right on the border with France, enabled it to be a place of refuge for many radicals throughout European history. Personally hand-drawing this map will acquaint you with the landscape of Europe, enabling you to better understand the story of Europe as we learn about it this year.

   ![Here's an example of what a folder with clasps and a folded 11x17" paper would look like.](image)

This entire assignment should take around three hours to complete. It can be done at any point of time during the summer break. It is due on **MONDAY AUGUST 21, 2023.**
Map One: Outline, label and lightly color the political boundaries.

Portugal
Spain
Iceland
Ireland
United Kingdom
France
Belgium
Netherlands
Luxembourg

Germany
Austria
Poland
Switzerland
Italy
Slovenia
Albania
Croatia
Belarus

Bosnia & Herzegovina
Russia
Kaliningrad (Russia)
Greece
Macedonia
Montenegro
Serbia
Kosovo
Turkey

Romania
Ukraine
Moldova
Bulgaria
Czech Republic
Slovakia
Hungary
Denmark
Norway

Sweden
Finland
Estonia
Latvia
Lithuania
Malta

Map One: Label these principal cities

Kiev
Volgograd
Moscow
St. Petersburg
Istanbul
Minsk
Prague
Warsaw
Gdansk

Vienna
Budapest
Rome
Venice
Milan
Florence
Paris
Bilbao
Lisbon

Sarajevo
Athens
Belgrade
Munich
Dresden
Amsterdam
The Hague

London
Liverpool
Edinburgh
Dublin
Belfast
Reykjavik
Geneva
Madrid
Barcelona

Stockholm
Helsinki
Oslo
Copenhagen
Sofia
Bucharest
Innsbruck

Map Two: Draw and label these physical features

Rivers
Thames
Meuse
Seine
Volga
Don
Danube
Rhine
Vistula
Arno
Tiber

Mountains
Alps
Carpathian
Pyrenees
Caucasus
Ural
Balkans

Islands
Corsica
Sardinia
Crete
Cyprus
Elba

Straits
Gibraltar
Dardanelles

Bodies of Water
Atlantic
Mediterranean
North Sea
English Channel
Gulf of Finland
Baltic Sea
Aegean Sea
Adriatic Sea
Lake Ladoga
Black Sea
Sea of Azov
Caspian Sea

Note: Feel free to draw the political boundaries on the physical map on that is helpful for you. Just don’t label the countries on the physical map.

Scoring Guide for the maps:

~ All cities, countries and physical features are labelled and situated fairly accurately. (80%)
~ The map demonstrates time and care in its creation. It needs to be clear and colorful. (20%)