

AP European History  
Summer Reading

Book: A World Lit Only By Fire  
Author: William Manchester

AP European summer reading is an optional activity this year. The above mentioned book is a national best seller and an excellent read to prepare the students for this course. It is a very friendly read, and offers background information regarding the post-classical Era, and the age of exploration; both of which are necessities in understanding Renaissance Europe.

Students who choose to do the assignment are required to:

I) Write a general summary of the book in three paragraphs:  
First Paragraph: What is the book about?

Second Paragraph: Did the author accomplish his goal in explaining the main points in the book? How?

Third Paragraph: Did you like/dislike the book? Explain.

II) Prepare a general outline of each chapter, highlighting important concepts and individuals (please use different colors to do the highlighting.)

Assignment must be typed, single space, 12 size font, Arial font style. This assignment is due on the first day of class, and will count as a test grade--extra credit.

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