

Advanced Placement European History Themes

I. INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY

- * The secularization of learning
- * Changes in religious thought and organization
- * Scientific and technological developments and their consequences
- * Major trends in literature and the arts
- * Intellectual and cultural developments as statements of social values and as historical evidence
- * Developments in social, economic, and political thought
- * Development in literacy and communication
- * The diffusion of new intellectual concepts among different social groups
- * Changes in popular culture, such as the development of new attitudes toward religion, family and work

II. POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC HISTORY

- * The rise and functioning of the modern state in its various forms
- * The evolution of political elites and the development of political parties and ideologies
- * The extension and limitation of rights and liberties (personal, civic, economic, and political)
- * The development and growth of nationalism
- * Forms of political protest, reform and revolution
- * Colonialism and imperialism: relationship of European and non-European powers, including decolonization
- * Relationship between domestic and foreign policies
- * Efforts to restrain interstate conflict: treaties, balance-of-power diplomacy, and international organizations
- * Techniques and technology of war

III. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY

- * The role of urbanization in transforming cultural values and social relationships
- * The shift in social structures from hierarchical orders to modern social classes
- * Hygienic practices, disease, and medicine and their effects on society
- * The development of commercial practices and their economic and social impact
- * The origins, development and consequence of industrialization
- * Changes in the demographic structure of Europe and their consequences
- * Change and continuity in the European family structure and in gender roles
- * The growth of competition and interdependence in national and world markets
- * The relationship between private and state contributions to economic growth; the development of a mixed economy