

AP European History Required Supplemental Texts

If an AP student's objective is to do well in class and pass the AP exam, it is of the utmost importance that a significant commitment be made during the summer. Extensive reading and definition of terms/events is recommended.

Required Materials:

- **Modern European History** – Birdsall S. Viault – Shaum's Book, McGraw-Hill
Publisher

This is the best condensed reference for the study of European History in the modern era.

This resource runs about \$15.00 and is available in most on-line bookstores.

- **Western Civilization: Sources, Images, and Interpretations - From the Renaissance to the Present**, Dennis Sherman.

This is an excellent text of primary source documents that will be used extensively throughout the school year. Learning to analyze documents is a staple of the class and this text is an absolute necessity. As a first option, you might want to ask any of my former students if they would be willing to sell their copy of Sherman, if not, the book is available through amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, or any other on-line bookstore.

If you go to **Bestbookbuys.com** you'll find a list of bookstores that carry the above titles and you'll have an opportunity to get the best price. Make sure you buy the correct edition.

Recommended Materials:

There are a number of test prep manuals that are available and it is recommended that one be purchased as a review guide and **not** as a text replacement. There are no fewer than three manuals available, but I recommend either the **Best Test Preparation AP European History** or **The Princeton Review-Cracking the AP European History** manuals. These two manuals provide concise, thorough information and a number of other amenities (sample MCQ tests and DBQs) that will benefit the student. Manuals can be ordered on-line or can be found in most bookstores.

Students are encouraged to pick up any other supplemental books dealing with any aspect of modern European History (1350-present). Multiple resources are invaluable and the greater number of resources available to the student the better.