



## AP European History

Reflections from 2013-2014

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**Explain what educational skills, strategies, or information you learned this year that will be most helpful to you as you continue your education?**

I think that the most important thing I really got out of this class was the experience and the knowledge that we got from studying and prepping for the AP test. I really do believe that a good amount of what I learned in this class will stay in the back of my head for a long while and it will serve me good in college and if I were ever to conquer the world, history tends to serve as a guidebook of what not to do!

- Tesfaye

I learned how to take out important information from high skilled texts pretty quickly, and that is a skill that is good to take with me through next years of education.

- Michelsen

I think the frqs and dbqs will really help me in college. I learned how to quickly develop strong arguments, or that any argument is better than none at all. Also I think being able to reference European history during dinner parties will be helpful in feigning intelligence.

- Doppelganger

Through this class I have had to work on efficiently memorizing information as well as actively listening and taking notes during lectures. I think that these skills will help me in the future, especially in college, because I have become less dependent on the teacher in order to do well in class and more dependent on myself.

- Wahly

Thesis statements are critical. APUSH and APE have taught me that a million times over, and it is very helpful when writing a paper - so much so that I struggle to write an essay not posed in FRQ style.

- Goetz

### **What advice would you give to students taking this class in the future?**

Advice I would give to students taking this class in the future would be to study like crazy. The AP test is hard. Pay attention in class because that is how you get most of the information. Play the game at the end of the year.

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Focus, Focus, Focus! If you fall behind on a specific subject such as the French Revolution or don't really pay too much attention to it, I will really hit you hard later on if you do not have that background knowledge. Something I learned myself, the enlightenment philosophers such as Locke are more important than you might think right away.

- Tesfaye

I would tell future students to not try to cram and read all 45 pages of a reading assignment the class before the discussion or the quiz. I would tell them to take their time reading because the information in the reading assigned will not only help them with the upcoming quiz or discussion but will also give contextual information that will make the class make more sense, and also will help with the AP test.

- Wahly

I would tell them to be prepared for everything that an AP class demands.... but also, that AP is a little bit overrated. The test is stressful, but the class is not as bad as some people make it seem. Perhaps this is because I am a native English speaker, but classes are not as stressful as many people make them seem, and it is important to take all the 'hate' with a grain of salt. Also, I would warn them about the use of archaic language in many of the primary texts, because they are sometimes very difficult to understand. Oh, and critical thinking skills. Those help.

- Goetz

Do the readings because they really help give context to the in class stuff.

- Schaller