

## AP European

### Summer Assignment 2021

Welcome to Advanced Placement European History! We are in for an exciting year together and in order to get geared up to critically explore the history and development of Modern Europe, it is important to take a look at events currently occurring there. By taking the time to discover the European experience in this 21<sup>st</sup> century, we will be able to raise many questions about those past events that have over time helped to create the current scenarios that Europe faces.

Therefore, we will begin the course this summer by creating a Current Events Portfolio. You will be required to complete the following by our first meeting together in September;

Read the news! We are much better global citizens if we actually know what is taking place in the world, and we become much better students as we learn to ask and answer the pivotal questions.

In AP European there is a particular style of analysis that you will all become familiar with, it is referred to as PERSIA+GT (political, economic, religious, social, intellectual, aesthetic and geographic and technology).

You are to collect a total of 20 articles (2 per topic named above plus 4 you just found interesting in any of the topics) and for each article you are to write a summary/analysis. (1/2 to 1 page) The hope is that when we arrive back to BHS together in September, we have a pretty good understanding of the issues that Europe has been facing since the year 2009, and can then begin to critically and analytically develop the history of Europe together from 1350 to the present. You will be turning in your portfolios inclusive of the articles and summaries on the first day of class.

“History is the mirror that allows us to understand how the present reflects the past and how the past has helped to create the present” (Michael Whelan, Mrs. Carnahan’s Grad School professor at Teacher’s College, Columbia University)

Have a wonderful summer and I will see you in September! Should you need to reach me with any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at [mcarnahan@briarcliffschool.org](mailto:mcarnahan@briarcliffschool.org)