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Dear Incoming AP European History Student,

While the 2018-19 school year is still several months away, we would like to welcome you to AP European History. You are about to begin one of the most interesting and challenging courses taught at Joliet West High School. The expectations and standards of this class are very high and ones that we take very seriously. It is our job to prepare you for the rigors of the course and the AP exam that you will take in May. This is a college-level course with readings and assignments at a very high, but appropriate academic level. This course will use college-level texts and both primary and secondary source materials quite often to teach the material.

In order to provide a flavor of what we will be doing next year, and as a way to “hit the ground running”, there is a **mandatory** summer assignment that will be due when we return from summer break. This is a very important assignment that will set the groundwork upon which we hope to build. Your careful and thoughtful response to this assignment will be rewarding for you and your classmates. It will add to your background knowledge and make it easier for you to build upon the skills necessary to be successful in this course next year.

If you have registered for the Summer Program, elements of this summer assignment will be worked on during that time. If you are not participating in this program, then you will have to work on the assignment on your own time. There are still open spots available if you would like to work on this during the summer with peers and myself.

Should you have any questions about this assignment over the summer, please contact one of us via email at: jbarabe@jths.org. I will be checking our email regularly throughout the summer but please allow me time to respond...it might be longer than you anticipated. Please do not wait until the last minute to complete this very important assignment.

Sincerely,

John Barabe

AP European History

P.S. You may learn more about this course and others at our Joliet West AP Program website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/jolietwestaprogram/>

Summer Assignment:

Part I: Read [Chapter 12](#), The Renaissance, in its entirety. While reading the chapter, complete the [Reading Guide](#) to help you pick out the most important information.

Part II: Complete the Khan Academy [assignment](#) on art during the Renaissance. You will be prompted to watch, read or take a quiz depending on the artist and/or the artwork.

Part III: Using the material from the Khan Academy assignment and the primary source [selections](#) respond to the following question in a long, typed paragraph.

Describe how the art and literature reflect the concepts associated with humanism.

Note: Use the College Board's text analysis template, [SOAPSTone](#), to help you interpret the primary sources.

All parts of the Summer Assignment are to be completed on the day that we return from break.