

AP European History - Summer Assignment 2019

Resources

1913: In Search of the World Before the Great War

by Charles Emmerson

Paris 1919: Six Months that Changes the World

by Margaret MacMillan

The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History

by Robert Edsel

Saving Italy: The Race to Rescue a Nation's Treasure from the Nazi's

by Robert Edsel

These books may be purchased at Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million, or through Amazon.

Assignments

Write a Critical Book Review on any one of the above listed books.

1913: In Search of the World Before the Great War centers on life in Europe prior to the beginning of World War I.

Paris 1919 covers the signing of the Treaty of Versailles after the end of the First World War.

The Monuments Men focuses on the preservation of the classic works of art of Northern Europe before, during and immediately after World War II.

Saving Italy tells of the same issues as they involve the nation of Italy during the war.

Due Date

The first week of the 2019-2020 school year.

Method of Submission

Hard copy given to teacher **AND** an electronic copy in WORD sent to the teacher's email.

Other Information

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CRITICAL BOOK REVIEW GUIDELINES: There are two methods to write a book review. The first is when you write an narrative about the content of the book; in simpler terms a "book report." The second is a critical review. In this approach a writer provides a descriptive evaluation of the book, its author and its purpose. Evaluation is achieved by quoting passages from the book as evidence. **You will write the Critical Book Review for this assignment.**

Due: The first week of the 2019-2020 school year

Grading: 100 points

Format: MLA, typed, Times New Roman 12pt font, 1" margins.

Requirements: Except for #1, each of the following should be separate paragraphs.
DO NOT PLAGERIZE!

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. At the top left of the page list the author's last name, title of the book, and publication date.**
- 2. A statement regarding the author:**
Who is/was he/she?
Why is he/she competent to write on the subject with which the book deals?
(what training, qualifications, experience does the author have?)
- 3. The range of the book, both topically and chronologically.**
What period in history does it cover?
Is it a complete history of a period or merely an account of one particular subject?
- 4. The emphasis of the book:**
What does the author consider most important of the material he/she presents?
Does he/she emphasize one thing over others?
What is the author's bias?
Does he/she emphasize economic, political, intellectual, cultural, or other factors?
- 5. The point of view or bias of the book:**
How does the author regard the subject of the book?
Is he totally impartial and objective, or is he prejudiced one way or another?
Does he sympathize with any particular social class or group?
What purpose has motivated the author to write this book?
- 6. Contribution of the book:**
Why was the book written?
What is its place in the knowledge we have of the time period or event it is based on?
What contribution has the book made to history and our understanding of it?
- 7. A summary of the contents of the book:**
This should be in your own words and will probably constitute the major part of the review
This should be a discussion of the subject matter of the book.
What was the book about?
Who were the main characters?
What happened to the characters in the book?
- 8. What did you find most interesting in the book?**
What did you learn from the book?
Would you recommend the book to someone else? Why or why not?
Did the book help you understand the time period better? If so, how? If not, why?
What are your opinions of the book?
- 9. Make a list of quotes, lines, curious, unusual, or interesting facts from the book.**
Cite exact page numbers.