

# AP European History: Chapter 11 – Later Middle Ages

## Overview & Schedule

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Although the AP European History National Exam only focuses on materials from 1450 to the present, events of the Late Middle Ages had a great impact on the era to follow. This unit will introduce students to the key influential events and personalities from approximately 1300 to 1500, including the Great Schism, the Black Plague and the Hundred Years' War. Besides providing an overview of the "Dark Ages," this unit will also explore the basics of the AP Exam including the 5 themes and 9 historical thinking skills.

### **CONTENT TOPICS & Focus Questions**

- A Time of Troubles: Black Death and Social Crisis
  - What impact did the Black Death have on the society and economy of Europe?
- War and Political Instability
  - What major problems did European states face in the fourteenth century?
- The Decline of the Church
  - How and why did the authority and prestige of the papacy decline in the fourteenth century?
- The Cultural World of the Fourteenth Century
  - What were the major developments in literature and art in the fourteenth century?
- Society in an Age of Adversity
  - How did the adversities of the fourteenth century affect urban life and medical practices?
- Evaluate primary and secondary sources using PERSIA (Political, Economic, Religious, Social, Intellectual and Artistic) as a method of analysis
- Introduce Document-Based Question skill of point of view analysis in primary and secondary sources
- Introduce the 5 course themes and 9 historical thinking skills

### **DAILY ACTIVITIES AND ASSIGNMENTS**

#### **Friday, September 2**

- Syllabus & introduction to the course
- Get to Know You Cards
- **HOMEWORK: Text: 299-308 (skip Opposing Viewpoints pg 302). Europe Map Due Friday.**

#### **Tuesday, September 6**

- 5 Themes Activity with Graphic
- Opposing Viewpoints pg 302 & Map Analysis: Spread of the Black Death pg 303
- **HOMEWORK: Text 308-314. Europe Map Due Friday.**

#### **Wednesday, September 7**

- Watch: *Mankind: The Story of US* clip on Black Death
- Introduce PERSIA as a method of studying history
- How does PERSIA relate to our 5 themes?
- 100 Years' War Lecture
- **HOMEWORK: Text 314-322 (Skip Boniface pg 319)**

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## Thursday, September 8

- PowerPoint Lecture & Primary Docs: Crisis in the Catholic Church & Culture
- Dante's *Inferno*
- The Middle Ages & course themes
- **HOMEWORK: Text 322-331 (Skip Dante pg 323)**

## Friday, September 9

- Investigate the 9 Historical Skills – Definition Poster Activity
- Discuss Socratic Seminars & assign Soc Sem #1 - Machiavelli
- **HOMEWORK: Text 332-340.**

**\*\* Chapter 11 Exam Wednesday September 14; Study Guide & Terms are due**