

## AP EUROPEAN HISTORY

The following assignments **must be completed by the first day of class**:

1. **Read Chapters 11 and 12 in the textbook**

Textbook: *A History of Western Society: Since 1300* (11<sup>th</sup> edition) by McKay/Crowston/Wiesner-Hanks/Perry  
ISBN-13: 978-1-4576-4218-0

→ Please make sure you get the 11<sup>th</sup> edition.

2. **Read Niccolo Machiavelli's *The Prince***

→ Use any unabridged version (i.e. not shortened) of the text. Several free editions are available in iBooks.

**You will have a test on Machiavelli on the first day of class (closed book, no notes).** You should highlight/annotate the text, *looking for Machiavelli's advice to princes*. I will not test you on the specific historical and contemporary examples Machiavelli uses to justify his advice. The book is dense, so take time to read carefully and closely.

**We will spend several class periods processing the textbook reading before you are tested on it.** When reading the textbook, you need to focus and go slowly. You may have to read entire sections several times to fully understand them. Use 1 highlighter to mark main ideas and another highlighter to mark key terms from the study guides (see below). *Read a section at a time*, think about what you have read and determine what is important, and *then go back and highlight and annotate* the text. Use a dictionary if you do not know a word. Taking notes is not required, but can help you process and retain the information. This course requires close reading to be successful.

### Web Resources

- ✓ The textbook company's online study guide:  
<http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/mckaywest11ehs/>. It has chapter outlines, practice test questions, vocab cards, etc.
- ✓ Mrs. Shortal's AP Euro website:  
[http://faculty.sfhs.com/lesleyshortal/AP\\_Euro/AP\\_Euro.html](http://faculty.sfhs.com/lesleyshortal/AP_Euro/AP_Euro.html). Navigate to the chapter pages under "Units of Study" on the left-hand side of the page. At the top of each chapter page you will find a study guide that provides objectives (what you should know and be able to do as a result of reading the chapter) and key terms.

