

Mr. Dykema's A.P. European History Summer Reading Assignment:

Check out a copy of *A History of Western Society* (7th or 8th edition) from the Library. Read and take notes on “Chapter 12: The Crisis of the Later Middle Ages”. Answer the questions below. Start by re-writing each question (with numbers). Hand-write your answers to each question. Each response should be 1-2 paragraphs in length. Bring them to the first day of class. Be prepared to take a multiple-choice quiz covering Chapter 12 on that first day.

Chapter 12 Study Questions

1. What were the causes of the population decline that began in the early fourteenth century?
2. What was the source of the bubonic plague and why did it spread so rapidly in Europe?
3. Describe the psychological effects of the plague. How did people explain this disaster?
4. What were the immediate and other causes of the Hundred Years' War?
5. What were the results of the Hundred Years' War? Who were the winners and losers within both countries?
6. How did the Babylonian Captivity weaken the power and prestige of the church? Why were there three popes in 1409?
7. What was the Conciliar movement and who were its advocates? Was this a revolutionary idea?
8. Why was Wyclif a threat to the institutional church?
9. What was the Peasants' Revolt and why did it occur?
10. What were the reasons for the French Peasants' Revolt of 1358 and the English Peasants' Revolt of 1381?