2017 Advanced Placement® European History

About the AP® European History Summer Institute
This summer institute will provide participants with an overview of the AP program and the European history course and is designed for both new and experienced teachers. It will address the equity and access principle of the College Board, as well as content, strategies, and skills that increase student interest and knowledge. Participants will also grade Long Essay and Short Answer questions with a rubric and will work with Document Based Questions (DBQ) and establishing Point of View. Teachers are asked to bring some of their best practices for sharing.

The tentative time line is as follows:

Monday AM
- Introductions and Objectives
- Materials (Google Drive and/or Flash Drive)
- Exam Format and Breakdown
- The Curriculum Framework
- The Concept Outline (and the Essential Concepts)
- The Four Periods

Monday PM
- The Course Themes
- The Historical Thinking Skills

Tuesday AM
- Organizing and Creating an AP European History Course
- Equity and Access
- Materials
- Tips
- Pacing Guide and the Course Audit

Tuesday PM
- Multiple Choice Questions

Wednesday AM
- The Short Answer Question (SAQ)

Wednesday PM
- Overview of LEQ and Rubric
- Teaching Writing
- The DBQ and Working with Documents

Thursday AM
- Course Planning and Audit

Thursday PM-- Best Practice/Lesson Plan due
- A Sample Lesson—The Protestant Reformation
- Best Practices

What to bring:
Items you should bring during the week include:
- a laptop computer or tablet & storage device
- classroom activities and practices to share
- comfortable clothes and shoes for walking in the summer heat
- a light sweatshirt or sweater in case you get chilly in the AC

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Lou Gallo teaches both AP European and US history at West High School in Knoxville, Tennessee. He has taught AP European history since 1996 and has served at the AP Reading as a reader, table leader, and question leader since 2000. He has also worked with the College Board in several different capacities. He is a College Board European History consultant since 2001 and also works as a consultant for AP US history. He is the author of the AP European History Course Planning and Pacing Guide available online at AP Central and he serves as a mentor to other European history consultants as well as AP US history teachers. He has also written test questions for various outlets including ETS, Cengage Publishing and HistorySage.com. In 2003, Lou received the Milken National Educator Award as well as West High School Teacher of the Year. He was named Knox County Teacher of the Year in 2008 and was one of five teachers selected to run the Olympic torch for the 2012 Summer Olympics.