

**Summer Reading Assignment for Rising AP European History Students
UMS-Wright Preparatory School, Summer, 2016**

The assignment:

You will read a non-fiction work of history and participate in threaded discussions on Haiku by responding to four questions I have posted, and by commenting on two of your classmates' posts.

Directions:

1. Read one of the non-fiction books at the bottom of this page.
2. Respond to the four discussion questions posted on your Haiku class page for AP European History.
3. Comment on two of your classmates' posts. One comment must be on a post by one of your classmates, and your second comment must be on a different post by a different classmate. Both of your comments should add to the overall discussion by including additional information or by raising additional points of argument, analysis, or interpretation.

The discussion boards close at 11:59 PM Wednesday, August 10. I recommend that you review the discussion questions before you read your book so you'll know what to look for as you read.

How will the assignment be graded?

I will score your four discussion posts, as well as your two comments to classmates, on a 5-point scale. See the score sheets attached to the bottom of this assignment sheet.

Total: 30 points (5 points X 6 total posts). The assignment will go in the Major Assessment category. The Major Assessment category is 70% of your 1st Quarter grade.

Books (choose 1 of the following to read)

1. *Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling* by Ross King
2. *Peasant Fires: The Drummer of Nicklashausen* by Richard Wunderli
3. *Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, and Love* by Dava Sobel

How will each of your FOUR (4) Discussion Posts be graded?

Earn Points		Lose Points
_____ 1 Point	Includes specific evidence from the book	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does not include specific evidence from the book• Evidence is irrelevant to the question• Does not elaborate with reasons by linking it to the question• Addresses some parts of some questions• Contains spelling and grammatical errors
_____ 1 Point	Specific evidence is relevant to the question	
_____ 1 Point	Elaborates on the evidence by explaining how and why it links to the question	
_____ 1 Point	Addresses all parts of all questions	
_____ 1 Point	Is free of spelling and grammatical errors (type in Word first, perform spellcheck, then copy and paste)	

How will each of your TWO (2) Comments be graded?

Earn Points		Lose Points
_____ 1 Point	Directly addresses the ideas in your classmate's post	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does not directly address your classmate's post• Does not point out a similarity or difference between the book you are reading (which could be the same book as your classmate) and your classmate's post• Does not explain the reasons for the similarity or difference• Is not relevant to the overall discussion question and does not link the comment to the original discussion question• Contains spelling and grammatical errors
_____ 1 Point	Points out a similarity or difference in the book you are reading and your classmate's post (similarity or difference could come from the same book as your classmate)	
_____ 1 Point	Explains the reasons for the similarity or difference that you point out	
_____ 1 Point	Is relevant to the overall discussion question by linking the comment to the topic of the original discussion question	
_____ 1 Point	Is free of spelling and grammatical errors (type in Word first, perform spellcheck, then copy and paste)	