

## AP Euro Outside Reading Assignment

Date Due: December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Value: 75 points

You are to choose one of the books that follow on this paper. You should not choose a book that you have previously read, but one that interests you. You will read the **entire** book (bear in mind that I have read them all!) and then write a paper about that book. This project is designed to take a couple of months, so I suggest that you don't procrastinate! Papers should be 1200 – 2000 words. Word count should be included at the end of the paper. Must be typed and all sources (minimum of five) should be properly cited.

### Prompt

What is the author's thesis? Do you agree or disagree with that thesis? Why? What portions of this book would be most valuable to students of history? What is the author's agenda/Point of View/bias?

*Atlas Shrugged* – Ayn Rand

*All Quiet on The Western Front* –  
Remarque Erich Maria

*Guns, Germs, & Steel* – Jared Diamond

*Collapse* – Jared Diamond

*A World Lit Only By Fire* – William  
Manchester

*The Prince* – Niccolo Machiavelli

*God's Jury: The Inquisition and the  
Making of the Modern World* – Cullen  
Murphy

*Galileo's Daughter* – Dava Sobel

*1421* – Gavin Menzies

*A Short History of Nearly Everything* –  
Bill Bryson

*The Industrial Revolutionaries* – Gavin  
Weightman

*Empire* – Niall Ferguson

*Ascent of Money* – Niall Ferguson

*Dreadnaught* – Robert Massie

*Nicolas & Alexandra* – Robert Massie

*Castles of Steel* – Robert Massie

*Catherine The Great* – Robert Massie

*Nothing Like It In The World* – Stephen  
Ambrose

*Citizen Soldiers* – Stephen Ambrose

*Band of Brothers* – Stephen Ambrose

*The First World War* – John Keegan

*The Second World War* – John Keegan

*Vietnam* – Stanley Karnow

*Rise & Fall of the Third Reich* – William  
Shirer

*The Fate of Africa* – Martin Meredith

*The Fifty Year Wound* – Derek Leebaert

*Infidel* – Ayaan Hirsi Ali

*Nomad* – Ayaan Hirsi Ali

*Thank You For Being Late* – Thomas  
Friedman

*The Ugly Renaissance* – Alexander Lee

*The Platanets* – Dan Jones

*The War of the Roses* – Dan Jones

*City of Fortune* – Roger Crowley

*Four Princes* – John Julius Norwich

*Fifty Inventions that Shaped the Modern  
Economy* – Tim Horford

Over the Edge of the World – *Laurence  
Bergreen*