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Summer Assignment 1
Unit 1: The Later Middle Ages and the Renaissance (1300 – 1550)

Read textbook pages 371 – 414 and answer the questions or complete the tasks below in your notebook.

1. How did the climactic changes that occurred in the middle of the 14th century affect Europe economically and socially?

2. Where did the plague originate and how did it travel to Europe? Between what years was Europe affected by the plague? Between which two years was it particularly intense? What were the effects of the plague on the population and ecosystem of Europe?

3. How did Europeans respond to the plague?

4. What is the <u>traditional</u> explanation for the cause of the Black Death?

5. What effect did the plague have on the institution of serfdom in Eastern Europe? How did it affect serfdom differently in England? Why?

6. Why did the plague eventually allow Europe to prosper economically? What was the Hanseatic League? Who were the Medici's?

7. What did it mean to be a noble? How did a person qualify for this status and what privileges did it confer?

8. What were the main causes of the Hundred Years' War?

9. Who was Joan of Arc?

10. What was the English War of the Roses fought over?

11. What were the two dominant kingdoms of Spain in the 15th century? What event in 1469 formed the basis for a united Spanish kingdom?

12. List and explain three reasons that the year 1492 was a pivotal one in Spanish history.

13. What were the states of Kievan Rus and Muscovy?

14. Explain why Russia developed differently from the national monarchies of Western Europe during the late Middle Ages.

15. What was the Byzantine Empire? What was its capital city? Why did Russia feel a special connection with the Byzantines?

16. Who was Ivan the Great?

17. What was the Avingon Papacy?

18. What was the Western Schism (1378-1417)? Why and how did it end?

19. What the Conciliar Movement? What concessions did the Papacy make to national monarchs for support in suppressing the Conciliar Movement?

20. Describe the beliefs of John Wyclif and Jan Hus.

21. Compare the beliefs of Thomas Aquinas to those of William of Ockham.

22. What changes occurred in art and literature in the 13th century? Cite examples of specific artists and writers.

23. List important technological inventions of the late Middle Ages.

24. Describe two important consequences of the invention of the printing press.

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Summer Assignment 2
Unit 1: The Later Middle Ages and the Renaissance (1300 – 1550)

Read Machiavelli's The Prince *and write a two-page essay that discusses each of the points below. In order to do this, you will need to formulate one thesis statement that covers your responses to each of the points, as well as organize your essay with an introduction, body and conclusion. All essays must be typed, double-spaced. The essay is due on the first day of school and will count as five percent of your first marking-period grade. Grammar, spelling, punctuation, organization and style will all be considered in determining your grade. Under no circumstances should you write using a first-person narrative. You are not required to read the introduction to the book, although it is likely that doing so will help you write your essay.*

1. The role of armies within the state according to Machiavelli.

2. The reasons that Machiavelli believes that it is better for a prince "to be both loved and feared." Whether he feels it possible for a prince to be both and why.

3. Machiavelli's view of human nature and how this helps explain his views on how a prince should rule.

4. Other advice Machiavelli gives a prince.

5. What Machiavelli believes a prince must do to be esteemed. In what way(s) do you think these ideas would have been new to rulers of the age?

6. Recurring themes in *The Prince*.

7. The advantages and disadvantages a citizen might encounter living under a Machiavellian ruler, including a best-case-scenario and worst-case-scenario for a Machiavellian state.