Directions: To complete this assignment, you will need your textbook reading (photocopied or posted on Google Classroom) and a copy of Niccolo Machiavelli’s, The Prince. You can either check this book out of a local library, buy it or click on link below.
https://books.google.com/books/about/The_Prince.html?id=lk8tAQAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=kp_read_button#v=onepage&q&f=false
All work should be typed and submitted to Google Classroom by appropriate due dates. You will be tested on this information within the first week of school with very little review; therefore, you want to take your time with the required reading! If you have questions over the course of the summer in regards to this class or this assignment, e-mail me at lamontagnes@bsd-ri.net.

I. Join AP Euro 2019 Google Classroom code: ud0wo7
I promise I will not bug you all summer with postings, but you should submit your textbook work to Google Classroom by August 15th, therefore you should join the class before then. Also, the summer reading assignment, including important links and scanned materials as well as the course syllabus will be available to you.

II. Take some time over the summer to familiarize yourself with the map of Europe.
You will be having a map test the first week of school and the more you practice with it, the less cramming you will have to do! Below is a list of beneficial web sites that will help you.
http://www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/pdf/eur_country.pdf (Printable map of Europe)
http://lizardpoint.com/geography/europe-quiz.php (quiz yourself)
http://www.iike2learn.com/iike2learn/europe.html (quiz yourself)
http://www.jetpunk.com/quizzes/map-quiz-europe.php (quiz yourself)

III. Textbook Assignment Parts A & B: DUE: August 15th via Google Classroom.
A. Read pages xxxix-xlil in your text, the section titled “Western Civilization to 1300” and answer the following.

1. What are the 3 fundamental problems humans have pondered for as long as we have records from the earliest literate civilizations?
2. What contributions did the following ancient peoples make to Western Civilization?
   a. Persians-
   b. Israelis-
   c. Greeks-
   d. Macedonians-
   e. Romans-
   f. Germanic peoples-
3. Describe the political, economic and cultural aspects of European life during the High Middle Ages (100-1300).
B. Read pages 341-352 in your textbook to complete the following;

1. Define the term Renaissance and explain what characteristics distinguish the Renaissance from the Middle Ages.

2. Identify and explain the major changes that occurred during the Renaissance in regards to;
   a. Economic Recovery-
   b. Social Changes-
   c. The Family-

3. What was the political structure of Italy like during the Renaissance? How did the fragmented Italian states use the balance of power concept to bring peace to the peninsula after 1454? Why did this strategy ultimately fail to establish lasting cooperation among the major powers?

4. How did the concept of ambassador change during the Italian Renaissance?

5. Who was Niccolo Machiavelli and where did his ideas on politics stem from?

6. Why did Machiavelli write The Prince and how did this book differ from any political theories that came before it?

IV. “The Prince”: Read ONLY chapters 14-26 in The Prince by Niccolo Machiavelli. DUE: August 29th (1st day of classes) via Google Classroom or turned in to me.

   a. Keep a running list of quotes from chapters 14-26, which you feel truly capture the essence of Machiavelli’s political philosophy as to what qualities makes a good leader. Put the chapter and page number after each quote followed by a brief summary of what Machiavelli is saying in your own words with an explanation as to why you selected it. (You are required to come up with 15 quotes at minimum, feel free to add more if you are moved to do so). *I will be checking to make sure you have selected quotes from multiple sections of the book and not just one chapter.

   b. Write a reflective essay upon conclusion of the book that helps to summarize Machiavelli’s overall opinion on the “great things” which a prince should try and achieve and your overall opinion of his advice. In other words, explain the skills, traits or powers Machiavelli values in a leader and then comment on them. Do you agree or disagree with Machiavelli’s theories and the advice he is offering? Do they still hold relevance to leaders today? Why or Why not?

*Plagiarism will be considered cheating, see student handbook to see penalty. Don’t take the risk of getting caught for plagiarism, when in doubt use quotes and cite your sources!!!

~I am so happy you chose to take on the challenge of AP Euro. We will work hard but also have a lot of fun this year! Please contact me with any questions or concerns @ Lamontagnes@bsd-ri.net