To: Prospective Students in Advanced Placement European History

From: Ms. Griffen

Re: 2010 Summer Assignment

You have accepted the challenge of what may be your first high school class leading to an Advanced Placement examination for college credit. The preparation required for AP exams is demanding and challenging. Any student who enrolls in an AP class must be committed beyond the standard class requirements. This assignment is as much a signal of that commitment as it is of your capabilities.

The Advanced Placement European History Class is primarily designed to prepare students to take the AP Examination in European History at the end of the year. The curriculum of AP European History includes political, social, and economic historical aspects and events since 1450. Students must assimilate and utilize facts obtained from readings that are frequently college-level, including daily readings from the class text.

Because of the volume of the material that must be covered before the exam in early May, it is necessary for all incoming enrolled students to complete a summer assignment. Failure to complete this assignment as instructed will result in a serious impact on your first term grade. These assignments are graded individually and are, therefore, meant to be done by each individual, not copied. The summer assignment can be accessed on the school’s website: www.nebo.edu/mmhs.

This assignment includes:

1) a reading entitled "MEDIEVAL EUROPE: FROM THE FALL OF ROME TO THE RENAISSANCE" with Discussion Questions and Identification items.

2) a map assignment: “Basic European Geography” and a blank map of Europe to be used for the assignment.

Using these items:

1) Read “Medieval Europe” and answer each of the discussion questions in complete sentences. Also based on this reading, define and explain each of the identification items. This assignment does not have to be typed, but if it is sloppily completed or illegible it will not get looked at and you will not receive a score. This assignment is due the first day of class.

2) Complete the European Map Assignment. You will need to print three maps of Europe to label. The first map is for all countries. The second map is for cities. The third map is for physical geography items. These maps are due on the first day of class. You will have a quiz on your knowledge of the maps and European geography during the first week of school.