1) Students will read the chapter the Introduction and Chapter 1 in Donald Kagan American Heritage (and it is strongly recommended that they outline their readings). Students will then take a comprehensive test on their assigned reading within the first week of school. You will be assigned a book for the summer which you will keep all year.

2) Students will read excerpts from the Canterbury Tales (which can be found at http://english.fsu.edu/canterbury/), and The Decameron (which can be found at http://www.gutenberg.org/files/23700/23700-h/23700-h.htm) and be asked to write the following essay:

Towards the end of the Middle Ages, there was a major shift in attitudes towards the institution of the church. Using your packets, explain the reasons for this shift in attitude and its consequences during the time period when the Canterbury Tales and Decameron were written.

** you are more than welcome to find different translations from the above texts.

3) Please sign up for the AP European Google Classroom. There might be more developments during the course of the summer after August 1st. CODE:3onmdz

**Tales that you have to read are the following**

The Canterbury Tales
- Prologue
- Pardoner’s Tale

The Decameron
- Prologue
- Day 1 (total of ten tales)
- Day 3 (Novel 1)
- Day 4 (Novel 1)

When writing the essay, MAKE SURE THAT YOU:

- Support each of your argument(s) with specific examples from the readings and cite them in the proper MLA format
- Use 12 pt Times New Roman font
- Double-space your essay
- Keep it between 900-1200 words (3-4 pages)
- Have 1” margins on all sides

- SUBMIT YOUR PAPER TO turnitin.com class id: 12821570 class code: history1

Students MUST SUBMIT an Originality Report from with their essay. NO PAPER WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS REPORT!!!!

Good Luck!  

Mr. Grzywacz