

Summer Reading, June 2020

Social Studies: AP Packets and Junior Class

1. AP EUROPEAN HISTORY

Mortimer, Ian. *A Time Traveler's Guide to Medieval England*. Touchstone (Division of Simon and Schuster). (2008). (**ISBN-10:** 9781439112908)

Part One: Creativity

Create a travel diary of a journey to Medieval England. You should include types of places you visit, activities you participate in, foods you eat, people you see, etc. For each “event” in your journal provide a citation to the book (page number) indicating where you found evidence for such an element.

Your journal should be for a week’s long journey. Each daily entry should be about $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 page in length.

This assignment is meant to be historically and creatively challenging. You should expend some time thinking about various adventures and sites you will encounter. It is also meant to be fun!

Part Two: Historical Analysis

Although Ian Mortimer is a professional and well-respected academic historian, this book is meant to be “popular” history for the general public to read and enjoy.

Write a short answer responding the following prompt. To what extent is the popular history in this book valuable to the academic study of history? Do you find it to be useful? Do you find it to be accurate? What about popular history in general? Be sure to identify specific reasons and examples (include citations) as you make your argumentation. This essay should be about 3-5 pages in length.