



ADVANCED PLACEMENT EUROPEAN HISTORY SUMMER PROJECT

In order to maximize our time for this class, the following must be completed before the first day of school.

Please bring these essays with you the first day, so that we can begin our discussion promptly. I will be available to answer any questions you have about this assignment at any time during July and August. Please do not hesitate to contact me (Michael@cbhs.edu).

Browse the internet or any source books on the following topics. The topics correspond to important movements in the High Middle Ages that are crucial for understanding issues of the Renaissance, the subsequent Reformation and all of European History. The students will be expected to synthesize the material for each of the following into an essay *of 500 words, which is roughly 2 pages* (double spaced, one-inch margins, 10 or 12 point font only). Please be sure you answer the questions specifically as written. Be sure to give a list of sources you use on the internet. These answers will help you prepare for the discussions for the first week of class. Your discussion participation and the essays themselves will be a large part of your participation grade for this class (worth 150 points).



1. What were the issues that surrounded the feud between Pope Boniface VIII and King Philip IV of France? What claims did Boniface make in his papal bull (proclamation) *Unam Sanctam* and do you consider these claims to be reasonable? To what extent might Philip IV have been justified in objecting to the content of the papal position?

To what extent are these same issues related to the conflict of Thomas Becket of Canterbury and Henry II in England?

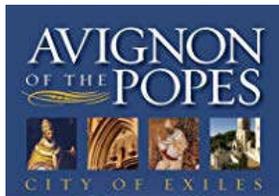


Saint Thomas Becket

“Who will rid me of this troublesome priest?”
King Henry II

“For the name of Jesus and the protection of the Church, I am ready to embrace death.”
St. Thomas Becket

“... We declare, say, define, and pronounce that it is absolutely necessary for the **SALVATION** of every human creature to be **SUBJECT TO the Roman Pontiff**” (Pope Boniface VIII, the Bull *Unam Sanctam*, 1302).

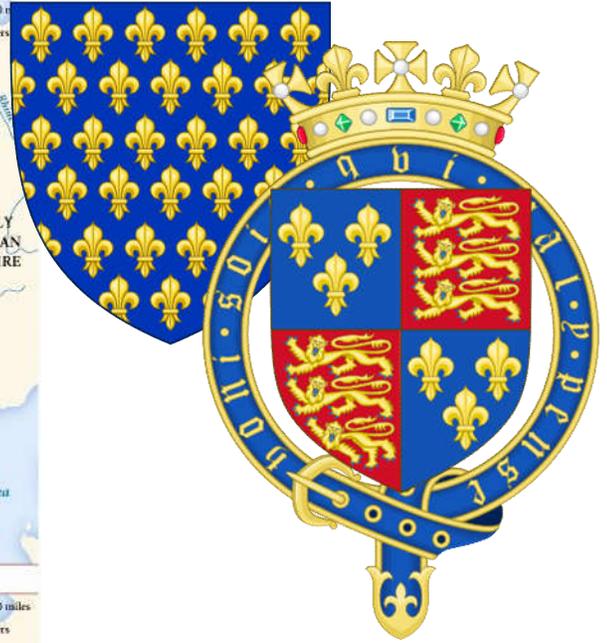


2. To what extent did the *Great Schism* in the West and the *Babylonian Captivity of the Papacy* cause a breakdown of religious and monarchical propriety and respect? Outline the major results of this political and religious conflict for both the papacy and the growing monarchies in Europe.



3. Outline the relationship between king and nobles in England from Henry II through Edward I. To what extent is this reflected in the development of law and the early parliamentary system? Be sure to include the causes and effects of *Magna Carta* and the attitude of the intervening monarchs.

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4. Discuss the causes and progress of the **Hundred Years War**. Why did the war continue for so long a period in the late 14th and early 15th centuries? What advantages did each side possess and what were the results of the conflict for both France and England in European politics?