

## A. P. EUROPEAN HISTORY SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

*A World Lit Only By Fire – The Medieval Mind- Portrait of an Age*  
by William Manchester

Read this introduction to the Renaissance and complete both written assignments. Completed work is due on the first day of class.

### PART I: *A World Lit Only By Fire* – ESSAY

Upon completion of this book respond to the following essay question: “Choose three individuals from the Renaissance who through their writings, life work, beliefs, explorations, or art help develop the Humanist philosophy which dominates intellectual development during this historical period. Using comparison and contrast, explain specific ways in which their roles are similar or different in Renaissance Humanist Culture with examples from this book giving citations in page numbers.

You must:

- have a clear introduction;
- have well-developed paragraphs;
- have APA citations (examples from readings for support; cite page #'s)

The essay must:

- be typed;
- be double-spaced;
- be proofread;
- be written in third person (no first person - “I”);
- be in a standard 12 pt. font (standard margins);

This essay should be roughly 2-3 pages typed.

### Part 2: *A World Lit Only By Fire* - JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT

For each of the three sections in Manchester:

- Identify the main THEME of this section (in 2-4 sentences).
- Identify the most significant events.
- Identify the most significant people.

1. Explain why you think each event/person is historically significant. You should list these events/people in a clear and concise way.
2. Cite the specific page # in which you found the event/person.
3. Finally, at the bottom of each journal section, write down one or two questions you have about the section. The questions may be about things you did not understand or ideas you would like to discuss in class on the first day.

Please keep each journal section to at least one page, but no more than two. (Remember that you must demonstrate your understanding of Manchester by citing page numbers from the book.)

Please bring *A World Lit Only By Fire* to class the first day of school.

