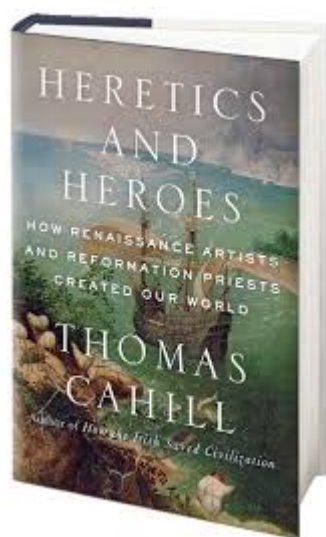


Advanced Placement European History

Summer Reading 2017



Heretics and Heroes: How Renaissance Artists and Reformation Priests Created Our World by Thomas Cahill

"It's hard to imagine a more palpable or engaging history of venal popes and the horrific torture and burning of heretics in the 1500s than Thomas Cahill's *Heretics and Heroes*, the sixth in his Hinges of History Series. Cahill is our king of popular historians, and rightly so. He is eminently learned and wise, fluent in several languages, and opinionated and unsparing in his view of history. . . . In a little over 300 pages, Cahill encapsulates several dozen major artistic, political and ecclesiastical figures across a spread of several centuries. He touches on so many subjects, is so knowledgeable on everything he touches on, is so pithy and sharp, it doesn't matter if you know a little, a lot or nothing at all about Renaissance art or Northern Europe's rocky break from Catholic Rome. Cahill, you feel, would be the ideal dinner or driving companion."

The Dallas Morning News

This recent and engaging history on the Renaissance/Reformation time period that will serve as an introduction to the course. As you read, annotate or take separate notes on key people, ideas and events. These notes should be no more than a paragraph for each section. To help with your reading, I suggest skipping Cahill's many footnotes. Sometimes they help, but often they are just random rants that history teachers are so famous for ☺ In addition, it helps to know that Cahill's politics are unapologetically liberal.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in the fall. Until then, if you have any questions or concerns I can be reached at gerhardc@nths.net

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