

## AP EURO SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

1. Read the pdf entitled Manchester Intro, this comes from the opening chapter of William Manchester's book entitled *A World Lit Only By Fire* (1991). The excerpt is 9 pdf pages that skips around a bit, but you can access the full chapter for free via google books if you get confused.
2. Read the excerpt from the pdf entitled "Barbarians to Angels" which is 16 pdf pages long. This comes from archaeologist and revisionist historian Peter Wells and his book *Barbarians to Angels: The Dark Ages Revisited* (2013).
3. Type FRQ 1 by answering the following prompt-  
Evaluate the differing views of the Middle Ages and the transition to the Renaissance held by William Manchester's *A World Lit Only By Fire* and Wells' *Barbarians to Angels: The Dark Ages Revisited*. Do you believe that the Renaissance is a distinct period and a departure from a 'Dark Age'? Explain.

FRQ stands for free response questions and is a part of the AP test. In the exam you will need to write a 5-6 paragraph long essay based on a historical prompt (like the one above). It should be detailed and use specific evidence from both readings as well as prior learnings. It should be typed, double spaced and between 1 and 2 pages with a thesis that addresses all parts of the question. Be sure to establish the context of the period and point of view of each historian in developing your argument.