

Required Reading AP European History
Summer 2009

In an effort to prepare for Advanced Placement European History, you should read the following selection:

Please note: This edition should be available at the LTHS library, your public library, or you may purchase a copy at your local bookstore.

Cahill, Thomas. How the Irish Saved Civilization (paperback edition – \$10.50)

The book provides an account of the pivotal role played by Irish monks in transcribing and preserving Classical civilization during the Dark Ages.

- As you read this selection, mark any passages that you find interesting, as well as note any questions that your reading generates.
- After you have finished your selection, you should write a 1-3 page response (either typed or handwritten) to the following question:

CIVILIZATION EXISTS BY MAINTAINING TRADITIONS AND ADAPTING TO CHANGE. USING THE EXAMPLE OF HEROIC IRELAND, EITHER REFUTE OR DEFEND THIS CLAIM FROM THE FALL OF ROME TO THE RISE OF MEDIEVAL EUROPE.

Since your essay is due in August, we will begin our class with an examination of this work. Your essay will be graded based on a completion factor and a general 9 point Advanced Placement rubric score (SEE BACK SIDE).

Good luck! And I look forward to seeing you in August.

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