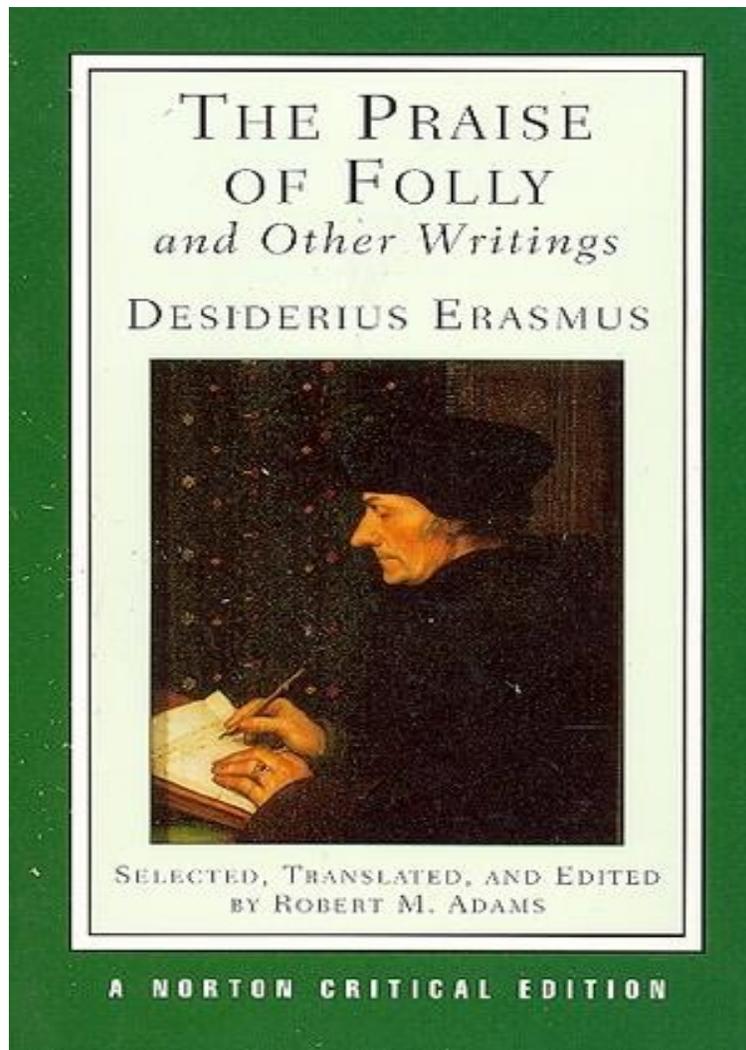


A.P. European History BFUHS Summer Reading List

The Praise of Folly and Other Writings (Norton Critical Editions)

By: *Desiderius Erasmus* (Author), *Robert M. Adams* (Editor)

W. W. Norton (1989), 352 pages



*Mr. Divis has classroom copies of this book, so please see him to get a copy for yourself for the summer. If you decide to sign up for the class over the summer, then please e-mail me and I can coordinate with you how to get a copy of it.

**If you have any questions, concerns, or difficulties, contact Mr. Divis via e-mail: craig.divis@wnesu.com. This is the best form of contact with me as I will be out of town this summer.

A.P. European History Summer Reading Assignment

As a prerequisite to taking A.P. European History, students are required to complete a summer assignment to the teacher's discretion. The point of the summer assignment is to give the student an insight into concepts and details that will be recurring throughout the year. Also, the specifics of the book are meant to provide the student with necessary knowledge for the A.P. exam which, because of time constraints and the amount of material we need to cover, we will not be able to study as thoroughly in class.

If a student fails to complete the *entire* summer assignment at a satisfactory level, then that student will not be allowed to remain in the class. This assignment is due, *without question*, when you walk into class on the first day of school, Wed., Aug. 26th.

You are required to read three (3) selected essays by Erasmus out of *The Praise of Folly*, as well as three (3) essays by historians on Erasmus and the Renaissance. You will be required to not only discuss them throughout the year in class, but also be able to write about them in exams and research papers. **You are also required to write one (1) essay over the reading.**

READ:

- Critical Commentary: H.R. Trevor-Roper on Erasmus (p. 267-285)
- Critical Commentary: J. Huizinga on Erasmus's Mind (p. 297-308)
- Critical Commentary: Robert M. Adams on the History of Humanism (p. 326-338)
- *The Praise of Folly* (p. 3-87)
- *The Complaint of Peace* (p. 88-116)
- *Julius Excluded from Heaven* (p. 142-173)

ESSAY:

How did Erasmus view European society in the 1500s?

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PAPER:

- Title page (clearly present your name, date, title of the paper)
- Page numbers (starting on the first page of writing, not the title page)
- Must be typed, using 12-point font size, TimesNewRoman font, and double-spaced
- Must be a minimum of 5 pages of content, excluding the title and works cited page
- Must include numerous quotes from the book as a way to back up and justify your points
 - these quotes need to be cited using proper in-text citation format
 - go to the Social Studies department page on the BFUHS website, www.bfuhs.org, and at the top of the page you'll find a Research and Writing Tools tab to help you doing this correctly
- Works cited page (if needed)
 - you don't need to use outside sources to write this essay, but if you do use outside sources, you must include a Works Cited page
 - set up alphabetically and annotated correctly following the MLA standard of all of the sources you cited in your paper
 - go to the Social Studies department page on the BFUHS website, www.bfuhs.org, and at the top of the page you'll find a Research and Writing Tools tab to help you doing this correctly
- Additional specifics can be found on the attached rubric

MLA In-Text Citation Format

Parenthetical citations inform the reader of your paper that you are using information, opinions, and ideas from other sources. The citation consists of an author's or authors' last name(s) followed by the page number(s) of the source. Enclose them in parentheses and insert them at the end of sentences or wherever appropriate. If you already refer to the author in a sentence, only the page numbers are necessary.

(works by one or more authors) *Example:* "...has calibrated the ethical impact of globalization" (**Quinlivan and Davies 4041**).

(works by title) *Example:* "Forbes magazine noted better than average yields in short-term bonds" ("**Riding**" 57).

(more than one work by the same author) *Example:* "Technology has inspired new proverb variants" (**Mieder, AntiProverbs 79**).

Quotations that constitute fewer than three (3) full lines in your paper should be set off with quotation marks [" "] and be incorporated within the normal flow of your text. For quotations exceeding this length, omit the quotation marks and indent the quoted language one inch from your left-hand margin and single-space the quote.

Summer Assignment Essay Rubric

-out of 120 pts.-

Content – Is the content of the paper appropriate for the specified topic? How specific were you? Do you show a unique perspective of the book? Do you answer the questions posed? Did you use quotes from the books to help your argument? (55 pts.)

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Introduction/Conclusion – How well do you start and end your paper with a good summary and thesis of what your paper is about and your stance? (20 pts.)

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Proofreading – How well did you proofread your paper? How well organized is your paper? (20 pts.)

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Citations –Do you correctly cite in-text quotations? If you have a works cited page, is it correctly formatted? (15 pts.)

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Miscellaneous – Is your paper the required length, have a correct title page, page numbers, etc.? (10 pts.)

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