# ADVANCED PLACEMENT SOCIAL STUDIES AT QEHS



# What is Advanced Placement (AP)?

An intellectually stimulating program offering university-level curriculum and challenges to high school students.

Upon successful completion of required AP class, you may earn credit equivalent to university introductory courses.

### Who can take Social Studies AP?

Social Studies AP is open to any student who has:

- a passion for learning
- a desire to succeed
- a curiosity about the world around them
- a strong work ethic, and
- wants a flexible and academically challenging program



# What Social Studies AP courses are offered at QEHS?

Social Studies Pre-AP 10 (Grade 10 one semester)

Social Studies 35/European History and Social Studies 20-1 AP (Grade 11 full year)



# Important Note

Due to the breadth of content outlined by the College Board for AP European History the material has been split over two courses:

Social Studies 35 and Social Studies 20-1 AP

Both these courses are taken in Grade 11

## Social Studies Pre-AP 10-1

#### What to expect:

an emphasis on analytical and writing skills:

#### For example:

- a focus on the writing skills mandated by Alberta Education--source analysis and position papers
- an introduction to the writing skills mandated by the Advanced Placement program--document-based essay questions & thematic essay questions

### Social Studies Pre-AP 10-1 continued

higher-order reading materials

increased emphasis on research and independent investigation

 enriched exploration of the Alberta program of studies (Globalisation)

# Social Studies 35/European History

- Offers the academic rigour of a first year university European History course.
- □ Covers the important time period of 1450-1750 CE
- Provides exploration of rich, in-depth texts--especially primary sources
- Has challenging writing/research assignments

### Social Studies 20-1 AP

### What to expect:

the same academic rigour and intensity of Social
Studies 10-1 Pre-AP and Social Studies 35

 exploration of European history from 1750 CE to the present day

studying the impact of nationalism in a global context

### Benefits of Social Studies AP

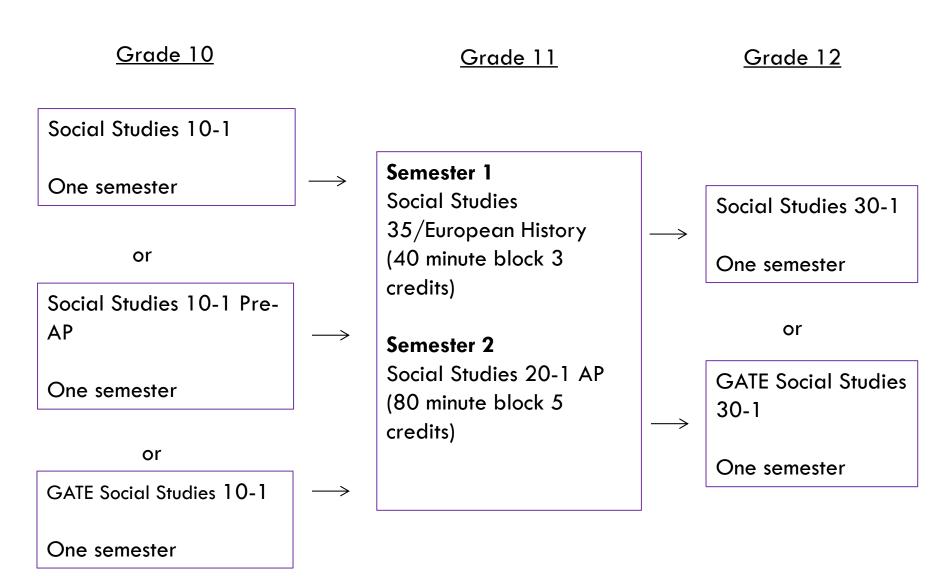
□ The program is rigorous and academically challenging

Provides more flexibility than IB programs

 Many universities consider AP experience when reviewing applications

 You take Social Studies AP 35 in grade eleven—this removes the pressure of having to write both a diploma exam and AP exam

### The SS AP Course Track



### Social Studies 35/Social Studies 20-1 AP Exam Info

 The Social Studies 35 exam is written in January of Grade 11

 The College Board's AP exam is written in May of Grade 11

 The Social Studies 20-1 exam is written in June of Grade 11

## Point of Interest

 Though it is strongly encouraged that you take the recommended AP courses prior to writing the AP European History exam, these courses are not mandatory

If you are interested in challenging the AP exam,
please speak to Mr. Glassford

### For more information

Visit the AP website at www.apstudent.collegeboard.org

Speak to any Social Studies teacher