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Reference: Proposed Advanced Placement European History Textbook Adoption

Dear Mrs. Wenn,

Three members of the LCHS 9-12 Social Science Department came together for purpose of reviewing textbooks for Advanced Placement European History. This textbook review committee selected A History of Western Society, 12th Edition by John McKay, Et Al from Bedford St. Martin's Press. This book is the latest edition of an excellent and widely used AP European History textbook and is newly issued with a publication date of 2017. The textbook is one of the most prominently used texts, is approved by the College Board, and ranked highest among the three textbooks that were reviewed. The strength of the text includes an in-depth treatment of a social history in addition to political and economic history, a wealth of embedded Advanced Placement resources, and robust digital ancillary resources.

I have experience teaching with an earlier edition of this textbook and it is one of genuine quality. I endorse our acquisition of this text and believe that it will be a significant upgrade to the currently approved textbook that supports AP European History.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Cartnal". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J".

Jim Cartnal

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TEXTBOOK RATING FORM

School: La Canada HS Grade Level: _____

Textbook: Jackson Spielvogel Western Civ AP ed Author _____ Title Since 1300 Publisher _____

	3 Superior	2 Strong	1 Limited	0 Very Weak	Score
Degree of Alignment to Standards: Rate the degree in which the textbook actually aligns to the CCSS.	✓				3
Quality of Explanation of the Subject Matter: Rate how thoroughly the subject matter is explained or otherwise revealed in the textbook.	✓				3
Utility of Materials Designed to Support Teaching: Evaluates the potential utility of an object at the intended grade level for the majority of instructors.	✓				3
Quality of Assessments: Evaluates materials designed to determine what a student knows before, during, or after a topic is taught.	✓				3
Quality of Technological Interactivity: Rates the degree and quality of the interactivity of that component.		✓			2
Quality of Instruction and Practice Exercises: Evaluates materials that contain exercises designed to provide an opportunity to practice and strengthen specific skills and knowledge.	✓				3
Opportunities for Deeper Learning: Think critically and solve complex problems; Work collaboratively; Communicate effectively; Learn how to learn; Reason abstractly; Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others; Apply discrete knowledge and skills to real-world situations; Construct, use, or analyze models.	✓				3
User Friendly Format		✓			2
Appropriate for students with special needs and English learners		✓			2
Other (specify)					
OVER-ALL RATING OF TEXTBOOK					24

COMMENTS: (Use reverse side if necessary.)

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LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TEXTBOOK RATING FORM

School: La Cañada H.S. Grade Level: 10th grade Social Science AP^{Exam}
 Textbook: John McKay A History of Western Society BFW Publishers
Author Title Publisher

	3 Superior	2 Strong	1 Limited	0 Very Weak	Score
Degree of Alignment to Standards: Rate the degree in which the textbook actually aligns to the CCSS.	✓				3
Quality of Explanation of the Subject Matter: Rate how thoroughly the subject matter is explained or otherwise revealed in the textbook.	✓				3
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Quality of Technological Interactivity: Rates the degree and quality of the interactivity of that component.	✓				3
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User Friendly Format	✓				3
Appropriate for students with special needs and English learners		✓			2
Other (specify)					
OVER-ALL RATING OF TEXTBOOK	✓				26.

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TEXTBOOK RATING FORM

School: LCHS Grade Level: 10th AP European

Textbook: Donald Kagan The Western Heritage Revised since 1300 Pearson
Author Title Publisher

	3 Superior	2 Strong	1 Limited	0 Very Weak	Score
Degree of Alignment to Standards: Rate the degree in which the textbook actually aligns to the CCSS.	✓				3
Quality of Explanation of the Subject Matter: Rate how thoroughly the subject matter is explained or otherwise revealed in the textbook.		✓			2
Utility of Materials Designed to Support Teaching: Evaluates the potential utility of an object at the intended grade level for the majority of instructors.		✓			2
Quality of Assessments: Evaluates materials designed to determine what a student knows before, during, or after a topic is taught.		✓			2
Quality of Technological Interactivity: Rates the degree and quality of the interactivity of that component.			✓		1
Quality of instruction and Practice Exercises: Evaluates materials that contain exercises designed to provide an opportunity to practice and strengthen specific skills and knowledge.			✓		1
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User Friendly Format			✓		1
Appropriate for students with special needs and English learners		✓			2
Other (specify)					
OVER-ALL RATING OF TEXTBOOK		✓			16

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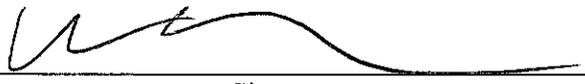
TEXTBOOK RATING FORM

School: La Cañada HS Grade Level: 10-AP European History
 Textbook: Jackson Spielvogel Western Civilization (9) Cengage Learning
Author 1 Title Publisher
Updated AP Edition Since 1300

	3 Superior	2 Strong	1 Limited	0 Very Weak	Score
Degree of Alignment to Standards: Rate the degree in which the textbook actually aligns to the CCSS.	X				3
Quality of Explanation of the Subject Matter: Rate how thoroughly the subject matter is explained or otherwise revealed in the textbook.	X				3
Utility of Materials Designed to Support Teaching: Evaluates the potential utility of an object at the intended grade level for the majority of instructors.	X				3
Quality of Assessments: Evaluates materials designed to determine what a student knows before, during, or after a topic is taught.	X				3
Quality of Technological Interactivity: Rates the degree and quality of the interactivity of that component.		X			2
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User Friendly Format		X			2
Appropriate for students with special needs and English learners		X			2
Other (specify)					
OVER-ALL RATING OF TEXTBOOK		X			24

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2/8/17
Date


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Bill Lively
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TEXTBOOK RATING FORM

School: La Cañada HS Grade Level: 10-AP European History

Textbook: Donald Kagan The Western Heritage (11) Pearson
Author Title Publisher
Revised AP Edition Since 1300

	3 Superior	2 Strong	1 Limited	0 Very Weak	Score
Degree of Alignment to Standards: Rate the degree in which the textbook actually aligns to the CCSS.	X				3
Quality of Explanation of the Subject Matter: Rate how thoroughly the subject matter is explained or otherwise revealed in the textbook.		X			2
Utility of Materials Designed to Support Teaching: Evaluates the potential utility of an object at the intended grade level for the majority of instructors.		X			2
Quality of Assessments: Evaluates materials designed to determine what a student knows before, during, or after a topic is taught.		X			2
Quality of Technological Interactivity: Rates the degree and quality of the interactivity of that component.			X		1
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User Friendly Format			X		1
Appropriate for students with special needs and English learners		X			2
Other (specify)					
OVER-ALL RATING OF TEXTBOOK		X			17

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