



Summer Learning 2016

Department: Humanities

Course Title: Europe in the Short 20th Century

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1. Read and annotate *Make It Stick*. As you read, begin practising the approaches that the book recommends. Apply those approaches to the book itself, and plan ways you will apply its lessons to your classes in the fall.
 - a. I highly recommend developing the “memory palace” technique. It is useful in a very wide range of contexts, from history tests to shopping lists.
2. Read and annotate *All Quiet on the Western Front*. Use the techniques in *Make It Stick* to remember as much about the book as you can.
 - a. A reasonable goal would be to be able to at least outline the story verbally, without notes.
 - b. A more challenging goal: Be able to outline any given chapter of the book on demand.
 - c. Questions to consider for *All Quiet on the Western Front*:
 - i. In what ways do all the soldiers feel separated from their homes and their peacetime lives? What parallels can we find in today’s world?
 - ii. What passages in the book resonated most deeply for you? Why?
 - iii. How does this story change your perception of WWI?