

AP European History

Name

Index of Prohibited Works

Date

Directions: Search online for the list of prohibited works by the Index. Then, choose one work to analyze, complete some independent research/read an excerpt from work, and answer the questions below to consider how this work might have been seen as threatening to the Catholic Church. Contact me if you have any questions, or would like a suggestion for a sample to analyze.

Consider/answer the following questions:

Name of Author _____

Name of Work _____

1. What contributions did this author make to science/philosophy/literature in his lifetime?
2. Search the internet for information about this work. What was it about? What controversial statements or themes earned this work a place in the Index?
3. Read the excerpt provided. Site any passages you can find that would have been offensive/heretical in the eyes of the church, and explain why?

4. Consider the complaints about theologians made by Erasmus in *The Praise of Folly*. From what you've read/researched, do you see evidence supporting Erasmus' claims when considering the reaction of the church to this work? Why/why not?

5. List the websites you used to find information about this author/work?