

AP European History 2000 Student Samples

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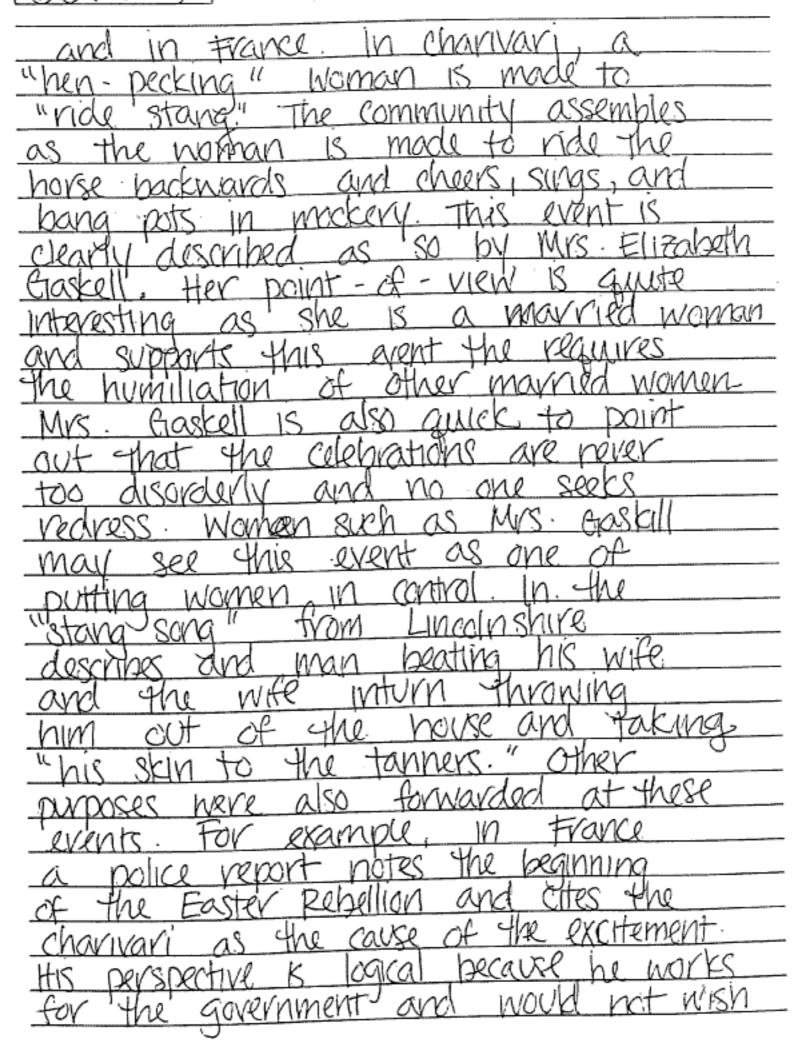
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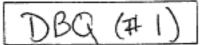
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Rituals and festivals played an important part
in the lives of Europeans. There were many
Festivals. Such gatherings were usually rather large
and often attended by a wide variety of people.
However, the purpose of these festivals what not
so much to express religious devotion or for another
very noble cause. Most festivals were celebrated to
have good times and let loose; often times, unique
rituals were incorporated into these festivals as a
way to punish wrong-doers in a jourial manner.
Life was rough for many Europeans. They had
to work extremely hard. For peasants, life was
even worse because there was little chance for
an improvement in social standing. According to
R. Lassels, Italians broke their backs for a
year and used Carnival to scothe their sores
and repair their broken spirits (Doc. 5). A
simple traveler, R. Lassels could see that it
was painfully obvious that people used festivals
to relax and put their problems behind them.
Pieter Brughel paints a fabulous scene from a
Carnival wherein the people celebrate fully and
the whole town appears to be alive and
partying (Doc. 3). Indeed, even the domestic servants
and other low - social - class peoples relished the
days of jollity. Henry Bourne says that servant
and master seemed to be equals on days
of festivals and dorned a deaf ear to their
differences (Doc. G). Surely festivals were used
For recreational purposes; Baltasar Ruscu reports

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that despite the drunken disorder, a seconingly
enless joy apread like fire through the
entire country (Doc 2)!
The rituals of Europeans appear to be used
to light-heartedly pupish minor criminals
in a way that could be mixed with
the fivolity of the Festivals. According to a
Russian official, once when a women picked
berries from a forbidden patch, she was
paraded through town to be laughed and
gibed at with those same berry baskets
bound ground her neck (Doc. 10)! A variant
of a stang song seems to encourage the
happy-go-bucky attitude of a festival by
encouraging women to team up and teach
an abusive husband a lesson (Doc. 9). surely
these sougs were born in an atmosphere
where as Mirs. Elizabeth Gaskell tells us, a woman
who was believed to have acted inappropriately
would be bound to a horse with her
face towards its rump to be macked by
screquing masses (Doc. 0)!
Even the ensuing damage and wrecklessness
was socially acceptable in the name of good
times. John Taylor praises the damaging behavior
with the defense that destruction leads to
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employment for those that can make repairs
(Doc. 4). A report from the police inspector
reveals that as prosecutions of people involved

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