

AP U.S. HISTORY

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MODIFIED SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

DUE THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS

**** THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL BE GRADED AS A 1st QUARTER TEST GRADE

Text: *The Enduring Vision: A History of the American People*. 7th Edition

Outside Reading: *America The Last Best Hope*, Vol 1. William J Bennett

- All work must be typed
- Short Answers must be at least 1 paragraph
- Essays must be 5 paragraphs
- All work must be done on your own. Do not copy or plagiarize
- You will be tested on Summer Packet material within the first week of school.
- Work is expected to be handed in the first day of class via hard copy, unless otherwise instructed to do so.

Failure to meet each of the above expectations and requirements will result in an incomplete assignment. Incomplete assignments will not be accepted, and will result in a grade of 0 for the assignment. Students will not be given extra time to complete the assignment.

This course is extremely demanding. Students will regularly be responsible for assignments supplemental to and outside of class text reading throughout the year. Tests are extremely difficult and challenging. A.P. United States History is the equivalent of a freshman level college course and the material will be presented, assessed and assigned accordingly.

CH 1 - Enduring Vision

Short Answer:

1. Where and when did the earliest contact between Europeans and Americans probably occur? What, if anything, resulted from the contact?
2. How did Native Americans' view of nature and land use differ from that of Europeans in the 1500's and 1600's?

Essay:

Discuss the differing ways of life of Native Americans living in the Arctic, the Pacific Northwest, California, the Great Basin, the Southwest, the Mississippi Valley, and the Eastern Woodlands. Explain how the physical environment influenced each way of life.

CH 2 - Enduring Vision

Short Answer:

1. Define the term Columbian exchange and give examples of the ways in which it affected the peoples, animals, and plants of Europe, Africa and the Americas.

Essay:

Compare and contrast the early 17th Century settlements of North America of the French, Spanish, Dutch and English.

CH 3 - Enduring Vision

Short Answer:

- 1) Describe the extent of the British, French and Spanish empires north of Mexico in 1700. How did they differ from each other in terms of settlement and economic patterns?

Essay

Discuss the evolution and spread of slavery in the Chesapeake colonies in the 17th Century. Why did African slavery develop there? How did the

gradual shift from plantation labor force made up of indentured servants to one of African slaves affect life in Virginia and Maryland?

CH 4 - Enduring Vision

Short Answer

- 1) What impact did the practices of colonial farmers in the 18th Century have on the environment of the Atlantic seaboard settlements?
- 2) Explain why the Spanish and French had more trouble attracting European settlers to their North American colonies than did the British.

ESSAY:

- 1) How much equality, liberty and self governance existed in the American colonies in the period 1700 - 1750? Back up your assessments with as many specific facts as possible. (**This essay can be 3 paragraphs**)
- 2) Historians have long debated the impact of Britain's mercantilist economic policy on the colonies. Explain the mercantilist economic theory and show how Parliament incorporated it into the Navigation system. According to CH 4, in what ways did the system hurt and benefit America? Does the author believe the harm outweighed the benefits?

AP SUMMER WORK - William J Bennett

America: The Last Best Hope Volume 1.

Chapter 1: Westward the Course (1492 - 1607)

- 1) Why did Dias's triumph mean disappointment for Columbus?
- 2) What role did Muslims play in the African slave trade?
- 3) What argument did Columbus use to convince Ferdinand and Isabella to finance his voyages?
- 4) What disease did the Indians give to the Europeans? What diseases were given to the Indians by the Europeans?
- 5) Why were Columbus' men arrested in the Azores? What did this show?
- 6) What foodstuffs were discovered in the New World? What crops and animals were brought to the New World by Europeans?
- 7) How does Bennett defend Columbus against the charge that he brought slavery to the New World?
- 8) Summarize the views of Father Antonio de Montesinos, Bartolome de Las Casas and Francisco de Vitoria.
- 9) How and why did the New World come to be called "America"?
- 10) What was the basis for France's claims in the New World?
- 11) What was the result of Cortes' and Pizarro's "shocking brutality"?
- 12) Summarize the impact of England's defeat of Spain in 1588.

Chapter 2: A City Upon a Hill (1607 - 1765)

- 1) How did John Rolfe save the Jamestown colony?
- 2) What 3 events took place in 1619 which shaped the future of Virginia?
- 3) What 3 advantages did the English have in their conflicts with Indian tribes?
- 4) Explain the "class" differences between Puritans and Separatists.
- 5) What was Harvard expected to do?
- 6) What was the origin of "Wall Street"?
- 7) Explain Theodore Roosevelt's connection to New Amsterdam.
- 8) Why was the English acquisition of New York so important?

- 9) Describe the experience of Father Jogues in the New World.
- 10) Explain the origin of Methodists.
- 11) What were the organizations behind which Benjamin Franklin was the "organizing spirit"?
- 12) Why was the population of New France so much smaller than that of the British colonies?
- 13) What city did Fort Duquesne eventually become?
- 14) Explain why William Pitt was seen as the "father of the British Empire".
- 15) What was Franklin expressing when he said, "...I am a Briton. I have long been of opinion that the Foundations of the future Grandeur And Stability of the British Empire lie in America"?