Directions: You are to read Chapters 1 through 10 and answer the following questions. You will be able to use this guide to help you with an open note reading quiz that will be administered during the first week of school. This assignment must be done individually.

In addition, we will be reading this book as the year progresses, so even though you are not reading the entire book over for summer work, you will be required to own a copy to use throughout the year.

Before you read: Look up the following terms and court cases and define them in your own words. Write the source down for where you found your term.

Define: American Exceptionalism: Source?
Define: White Man’s Burden: Source?
What was the Doctrine of Discovery?
What was the Marshall Trilogy (3 Court Cases)?

Chapter 1:
What is the myth being discussed in Chapter 1?
Why is it untrue? Give 2 pieces of evidence to support this point of view.

Chapter 2:
Before reading this chapter, were you familiar with the Bering Strait theory?
While people did migrate across the Bering Strait, what is this chapter arguing?

Chapter 3:
What is the problem with the name “America”?
What is a papal bull and give one example from the book?
What is the problem with the myth from Chapter 3?

Chapter 4:
The tradition story of Thanksgiving masked the complex relationship between the settlers and the Indians. How do the authors show this complex relationship?
Chapter 5:

What is the definition of savage?

In your opinion, which style of warfare was more vicious, European or Indians and why?

Chapter 6:

Are Indians just “relics of a bygone past”? Explain your answer with evidence.

Chapter 7:

What was the role of Christianity in the oppression of Indians?

Chapter 8:

Why do the authors say that the United States committed genocide against Natives? Give 2 specific pieces of evidence to support your answer.

Chapter 9:

What was Andrew Jackson’s relationship with Indians and Indian lands?

List the various executive branch departments that “Indian Affairs” has been under?

Chapter 10:

What is “blood quantum” and what are some problems with “blood quantum”? Give at least one specific problem encountered with blood quantum.