

APUSH Summer Assignment

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Hello! Hopefully this letter finds you safe and healthy, both physically and mentally.

Congratulations on choosing to take a challenging but rewarding course. Advanced Placement United States history, as you will learn in the coming school year, is a complicated, rich, and important study of the history of the American people. The curriculum for the class is done over a study of 9 periods from 1491 to the present. In addition, the course is a study in historical skills, including argumentative writing, and analysis of both primary and secondary sources. Your task this summer is to complete a few assignments that combine the curriculum and some skills. Please keep track of your work this summer and follow the directions as laid out underneath this brief explainer.

Part 1: Secondary Source reading. Howard Zinn, *A People's History of the United States: 1492-Present*. Please purchase a hard copy or utilize the online version found [HERE](#). We will be utilizing this book throughout the year so make sure you have a copy ready to use. You are going to read and answer questions about the first three chapters of the book, "Columbus, the Indians, and Human Progress," "Drawing the Color Line," and "Persons of Mean and Vile Condition." Please complete the questions for each chapter found in the other packet.

Part 2: Essay. Please choose one of these essay questions and answer it with at least 2-5 pages, double spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 font. You should draw on the information you read in Zinn's work or any other outside information you care to research. Wikipedia is a reliable source for many subjects but just check the sources at the bottom of each article to make sure the information looks correct. **This essay will be used to determine a baseline writing skill. You will earn credit for honest effort toward completion.**

Option 1: How did the colonization of the Spanish differ from that of the English in terms of goals, success, and methods?

Option 2: What were the goals of the English during their colonization period and to what extent were those goals achieved?

Option 3: How did the institution of slavery play a role in the development of the colonial empires in the Americas and Caribbean?