

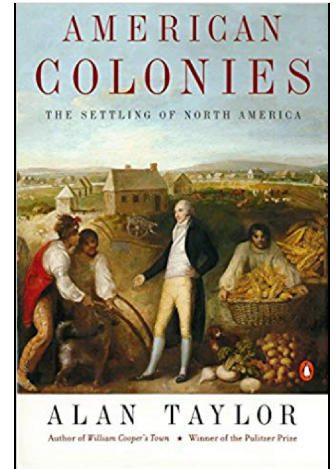
# Summer Reading Assignment - AP United States History

All AP US History students will be asked to complete an additional summer assignment. The assignment will be referred to through the course, so it will be imperative that each student completes the work over the summer.

As you may expect, an advanced course like this will require students to push their limits and challenge themselves. In addition to the school-wide summer reading assignments, AP students will be asked to complete the following:

## Assignment

For this assignment, you will need to purchase a copy of American Colonies: The Settlement of North America by Alan Taylor (ISBN 9780142002100). You will be using the book for this assignment as well as for reading assignments during our first unit when school begins.



## PART I: The American Colonies

Complete the assigned reading in Taylor's American Colonies. For each assigned section, take notes in response to the prompt or question. Be sure the notes are in phrases (NOT complete sentences), and that they include the most important ideas from each section. This is important practice for the kind of note taking skills you will need all year and for your research paper.

## **PART II: *We Shall Remain: After the Mayflower***

Watch the first episode of the PBS series on Native American History, *We Shall Remain*. The episode entitled "We Shall Remain: After the Mayflower." After watching the film, complete the following writing assignment:

*In one paragraph of 6-8 sentences, explain HOW and WHY the relationship between the Wampanoag and the colonists changed from the beginning of contact in 1620 through the 1670s.*

The video is available through "Kanopy," which is a streaming service provided through many public libraries. You may access Kanopy through the Boston Public Library here: <https://boston.kanopy.com/>

If your library does not offer Kanopy, you can sign up for a Boston Public Library eCard here: <https://www.bpl.org/ecard/> The process only takes a few minutes. Using your eCard, you can set up an account in Kanopy.

## **American Colonies Chapter Prompts**

We have answered the first question for you in order to give you an example of the level of detail you need:

### **Chapter 1 - Natives**

1. Describe the initial migration of people to North and South America.
  - a. North and South America - last settled continents
  - b. Native Americans all come from few hundred ancestors (not diverse)
  - c. Likely that first Americans came across land bridge from Siberia
  - d. People worked their way south
2. Briefly describe MesoAmerican horticulture.
3. List and describe the similarities between the Anasazi and Hohokum.
4. Describe the Mississippian culture and way of life (mound builders).
5. Compare and contrast the epidemiology, technology, and beliefs of North Americans and Europeans pre-1492.

### **Chapter 2 - Colonizers**

1. Who was Columbus? What was the impact of his journeys?
2. What happened to the Taino of Hispaniola?
3. How and why did epidemics devastate the Americas?
4. How and why did the European population grow after 1492?
5. What does Taylor mean by ecological imperialism? What was its impact?

### **Chapter 3 - New Spain**

1. How and why was Cortes successful in his conquest?
2. Characterize the conquistadors.
3. What was the impact of Spain's consolidation of its empire?
4. Who moved to New Spain? Describe this new civilization.
5. How did the influx of gold and silver from New Spain impact Europe?

### **Chapter 5 – Canada and the Iroquoia**

1. Explain the mutuality of dependency that bound Europeans and Indians together.
2. Describe how the trade relationship between Indians and Europeans based upon furs changed over time.
3. Who were the Five Nation Iroquois tribes? What was their relationship with other native tribes in the northeast?
4. Identify the native tribes that were allied with the French and Dutch respectively during the 1600s. How did those alliances benefit each party?
5. What caused the dramatic escalation of Iroquois warfare during the mid-1600s? What was the impact of that escalation?