

AP US History Summer Assignment

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Purpose of The Assignment

This assignment is introductory in nature, must be completed independently, and is due the first day of school, as it will be evaluated for a grade.

1. Familiarize yourself with early American history (1400-1765)
2. Keep yourself in the habit of regular reading and writing assignments
3. Insure class involves less lecture and more class discussion

Student Responsibilities

1. Students should routinely check their e-mail for important messages and helpful hints.
2. Work *independently* at all times. Any evidence of academic dishonesty will result in a 0% on the assignment for all parties involved.

Completing the Assignment (i.e. Ways to Avoid Losing Credit)

1. **DON'T** procrastinate. Remember: every task you do today is one less worry you have tomorrow...
2. Answer the *whole* question, not just the first part or the part you "get."
3. And the most consequential piece of advice I can impart: **RESPOND IN YOUR OWN WORDS!!!**
Treat it like you would a research assignment: plagiarism is still plagiarism.

The Actual Assignment

Please read **Chapters 1-3** of *The American Yawp*, “Volume 1: Before 1877,” located online at <https://www.americanyawp.com/>. These chapters cover Native Americans prior to the arrival of Columbus to the early British colonies. Please note you are **NOT** responsible for all 10 chapters, only chapters 1-3. This assignment is *not* meant to take your entire summer but serves as a good primer for the course.

Answer the questions below thoroughly and thoughtfully in 1-2 **paragraph(s)** each.

Chapter 1: Indigenous America

1. Explain some of the hallmarks (key features) of Native American culture prior to the arrival of Europeans.
2. In what ways did Indian societies of North and South America differ from European societies at the time the two came into contact? Justify with **THREE** examples.

Chapter 2: Colliding Cultures

3. Contrast how the Spanish, French, and English interacted with Native Americans.
4. How did differing “world views” of the Europeans and the Indians create conflict between the two cultures?

Chapter 3: British North America

5. What did Bacon’s Rebellion reveal about Virginia socially and economically? Did it make the development of African slavery inevitable? Explain.