

AP US HISTORY - Summer Assignment

Your AP US History Summer Assignment includes three articles about US History. Historian, David McCullough's *"History and Knowing Who We Are"* is a look at the importance of the study of history. *"The Story of the Conquistadores"* by Michael Wood details the impact of the Conquistadores arrival in the Americas and *"Life in the Spanish Colonies"* looks at the society imposed upon the Americas by the Spanish. You will read each article and write a SHORT, 2 paragraph, response to each reading.

Your assignment also involves reading Chapters 2 and 3, *Transportation and Borderlands* and *Society and Culture in Provincial America* and completing summarization worksheet packets.

The assignment is due on the first day of class. The article responses may be typed but the textbook chapter summaries need to be HANDWRITTEN.

If you have any questions, contact me at jharras@mtplcsd.org. I will check e-mail weekly.

Part I

Read the provided articles and answer the bullets below in a short essay (2-3 paragraphs) for each article:

"History and Knowing Who We Are" by David McCullough

- Summarize David McCullough's arguments for the importance of the study of history.
- Provide your reaction to his thoughts on the role history should play in people's lives.
- Discuss three points made by McCullough by providing the quotes and explaining why they stood out to you.

"The Story of the Conquistadores" by Michael Wood

- Explain the different ways the Aztecs and the Incas viewed the meeting of European culture compared to the Spanish view of discovering the American continents.
- Discuss the varying opinions regarding Spain's actions in the "new world".

"Life in the Spanish Colonies" by Mark Christensen

- Discuss the social structure imposed on the natives and colonists of the Americas and the degree to which this structure was both rigid and flexible.

Part II

Book:

American History: Connecting with the Past by Alan Brinkley

- Read chapters 2 and 3; *Transportations and Borderlands* & *Society and Culture in Provincial America* and complete the Summarization Packets.

Part III

- There will be an in-class assessment, covering the information in the articles and textbook readings, on the second day of class.

Summer Assignment Grading		
Articles	Questions	15 points
American History Textbook	Summarizing Chapters 2 and 3	35 points
In-Class Assessment	Assessment covering Summer Readings	50 points

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