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Advanced Placement United States History Summer Assignment

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Instructions:

Please have this entire assignment completed and ready to be discussed by Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

Resources:

- #1. American Pageant p. 4-11 (p. 7 intentionally omitted)
- #2. A Cultivated World, 1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus, By Charles Mann. Reviewed by Alan Taylor. New York Times, Sunday August 7, 2005.
- #3. Crosby, Alfred. The Columbian Exchange. History Now: The Journal of the Gilder Lehrman Institute. The Age of Exploration. www.gilderlehrman.org.
- #4. Richter, Daniel. Native American Discoveries of Europe. Perceptions of Native Americans. The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. www.gilderlehrman.org.
- #5. Bartolomé De Las Casas, "Brief Account of the Destruction of the Indies."
- #6 Juan Ginés De Sepúlveda, "Concerning the Just Causes of the War Against the Indians."

Read Resource #1 and answer the following 3 prompts in the space provided:

Summarize the human migration and agricultural development of North America prior to the arrival of Europeans in 1492.

Summarize the impact Native Americans had on the environment before the Europeans arrived in 1492.

List the characteristics of pre-Columbian societies as presented by the text.

Read Resource #2 and answer the following in the space provided:

How does the book review of *1491* add to or differ from the textbook? Explain.

Read Resource #3 and answer the following:

Does Crosby's essay surprise you? Why or why not?

What is Crosby's point of view on the Columbian Exchange? Cite at least one piece of evidence that confirms your answer.

(Point of view: an opinion or attitude that is backed by evidence)

Read Resource #4 and answer the following:

What is Richter's point of view? Cite at least one piece of evidence that confirms your answer.

How it is similar to Crosby's point of view? Explain.

Read Resources #5 & #6 and answer the following:

How does Las Casas view Native American culture? Cite at least one piece of evidence that confirms your answer.

How does Las Casas view the Spanish? Cite at least one piece of evidence that confirms your answer.

How does Sepúlveda view Native American culture? Cite at least one piece of evidence that confirms your answer.

How does Sepúlveda view the Spanish? Cite at least one piece of evidence that confirms your answer.

Describe at least two similarities between the views expressed by Las Casas and Sepúlveda.

Describe at least two differences between the views expressed by Las Casas and Sepúlveda.