

A.P. United States History Summer Assignment

South County High School

Part I-Native Americans, before European Contact

Watch the following video and answer the following questions: <http://bit.ly/NtvAmrcns>

1. For what reason(s) was maize (corn) so important to settled societies?
2. In what way(s) did the introduction of the horse change the Plains/Great Basin tribes? How did these two societies stay the same?
3. In what way(s) did geography & the environment impact Native American tribes?

Part II-Columbus & the Columbian Exchange

Watch the following video and answer the following questions: <http://bit.ly/ClmbnEx>

1. Rank the “Three G’s” in order of what you believe was the largest impact.
2. List items that moved from the “Old World” (Afro-Eurasia) to the “New World” (the Americas). List additional items that moved from the “New World” (the Americas) to the “Old World” (Afro-Eurasia). Pick one item from each list and explain the impact those items had in that region.
3. How did new technology and new business practices influence colonization?

Part III-European Colonization/Settlement

Watch each of the following videos and answer the following questions:

Spanish Settlement: <https://youtu.be/lhWMMEKXxdQ>

1. What does the Caste System say about the Spanish settlement social structure?
2. How did Bartoleme de las Casas’ background influence his views of the Native Americans?
3. In what ways did the Spanish force their lifestyles onto the Native Americans?

French Settlement: <https://youtu.be/UqUSY59Kilk>

1. For what reasons did the French not populate their colonies as much as the Spanish?
2. For what reasons did the French treat the Native Americans well? What was the result?
3. How was religion represented in the French North American colonies?

Dutch Settlement: <https://youtu.be/rH1uGY16WJM>

1. In what ways might the Dutch economy influence their view on religious toleration?
2. How did the Dutch settlers treat the Native Americans? Why?
3. Which group had a better relationship with the Native Americans, the French or the Dutch?

English Settlement: <https://youtu.be/ecFVogu0H2w>

1. Why were the English more likely to settle permanently in their North American colonies?
2. How did geography play a part in the British colonial economy?
3. What kind of relationship do you believe the English settlers had with the Native Americans?

Part IV-Document Analysis Practice

Read the excerpt from Bartolome de las Casas’ “A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indians” (<http://bit.ly/delasCasas>) and complete the document analysis (HIPPO) chart below.

Historical Context	
Intended Audience	
Purpose	
Point of View (of the author)	
Outside Information	

Part V-Choice Assignment: Short Answer Questions (SAQ)

Select and answer **one** of the following Short Answer Questions, remember to label each part of the question (A, B, and C).

Question #1

- A) Briefly explain ONE example of how American Indian societies in the 15th and 16th centuries were affected during the Columbian Exchange.
- B) Briefly explain a SECOND example of how American Indian societies in the 15th and 16th centuries were affected during the Columbian Exchange.
- C) Briefly explain ONE example of how the Columbian Exchange affected the European population in the 15th and 16th centuries.

Question #2

- A) Briefly explain ONE example of how Europeans sought to change American Indian beliefs and world views.
- B) Briefly explain ONE example of how American Indians resisted European attempts to change their beliefs and world views.
- C) Briefly explain ONE example of how Europeans justified their treatment of American Indians.

Part VI-Choice Assignment: Long Essay Question (LEQ)

Select **one** of the following questions to answer in an essay of 1000-1200 words:

1. Analyze the impact of European exploration on North and South America and Europe. Include in your discussion both the positive and negative cultural and social impacts of this exploration along with the effect on the environment of North and South America.
2. Compare two of the European settlements in colonial strategies and treatment of the Native Americans.
3. What were the major social and environmental developments that made America a “new world” for both Europeans and Indians? What factors allowed them to continue their traditions and cultures in this “new world”?