

Advanced Placement United States History Summer Assignment

This summer assignment covers the earliest part of the AP US History curriculum. You are to research the answers to the focus questions below using the text: United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination. (Revised Edition) AMSCO School Publications.

Answer the questions for each section.

Your answers should:

- be neatly ***hand-written***
- include significant ***details***, not just summarize. Be sure to include important ***names, dates, locations***, etc... (you will need more details than in AP World History)
- be in complete sentences, but full paragraphs are not required.

While the information that you research will be briefly reviewed in class, you are responsible for gathering and understanding the information on your own. You will use your notes during an in-class review and then to study for the first unit test (during the second or third week of school). **Your notes will be collected and checked on the first day of school.**

Focus Questions:

I. Discovery & Settlement of the New World, 1492-1650

1. Describe the various levels of development and complexity in Native American Cultures around 1500.
2. Describe the economic and social impact of the discovery and conquest of the "New World" on Europe and Africa.
3. Describe the impact of the arrival of Europeans on American soil in the 15th Century. (The Columbian Exchange)
4. What effect did the gold taken from America by the Spanish have on the world economy?
5. How was the Renaissance a catalyst for the Age of Discovery and Exploration?
6. Describe how the growth of nation states affected the Age of Exploration?
7. Contrast the strategic and economic motives of the French, the Spanish and the British in settling the "New World".
8. Contrast the motives for establishing the colonies of Jamestown and Plymouth.
9. Compare and contrast the difficulties faced by settlers in Jamestown and Plymouth.
10. Discuss how gender demographics differed in Jamestown and Plymouth. Explain how that would affect those societies.
11. Explain the importance of the *Mayflower Compact* and the House of Burgesses in the development of democracy in the "New World".
12. Explain the encomienda system and how it worked to the advantage of Spanish land holders.
13. Contrast the treatment of Native American populations by the French, the Spanish and the British.
14. Explain the asiento system in America.
15. Account for the staying power of the British settlements versus the French settlements in America.

II. America and the British Empire, 1650-1754

The Chesapeake Colonies

1. Define *proprietary* colony.
2. Describe conditions in Maryland in terms of economics and religion.
3. Identify Bacon's rebellion (who, what, when, where, and *why important*)
4. Describe how the Chesapeake colonies addressed the labor shortage problems.

The Growth of New England

5. Identify the reasons for and the founders of the colonies of Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New Hampshire.
6. Identify the New England Confederation.
7. Explain King Philip's War.

Restoration Colonies

8. Identify reasons for and the founders of the colonies The Carolinas, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Georgia.
9. Describe William Penn's Holy Experiment.

Mercantilism and the Empire

10. Define *Mercantilism*. (Be sure to identify the role of the colony in this economic system.)
11. Identify the *Trade and Navigation Acts* and evaluate the effects (both positive and negative) that they had on the colonies.

12. Explain James II brief experiment with New England in 1686.

Origins of Slavery

13. Explain the features that led to the increased demand for slaves in the colonies.

14. Draw the Triangular Trade Routes.

III. Colonial Society in the Mid-Eighteenth Century- complete the chart and answer all questions in complete sentences.

1. Recreate and complete this chart that compares different elements of mid-18th century colonial life among the different colonial regions.

	New England Colonies	Middle Colonies	Southern Colonies
Family Structure- who lives in households? What are the gender roles? What values do families pass on to their children?			
The Economy- What were the major products/exports? Why were these products suited to this region? Who helped produce these products?			
Farm or Town Life- What is the central feature in society? Are there schools? What does each area value(ex. Religion, education, etc...)			

2. What was the *Great Awakening*? Who were the key figures, why did the Great Awakening occur when it did, and what was the *impact* and *significance* of the movement?
3. Who were the significant early American writers? What issues were these men concerned with and how were their works received?
4. Identify the *Zenger* case. What impact did this case have in the colonies?
5. Describe the national character that was developing in the colonies. Specifically, what English traditions and ideas did they retain, and what ideas were uniquely American?
6. Describe colonial life, or “Folkways.” What did their daily lives look like? What luxuries did they enjoy? What did they do for recreation?
7. What different racial and ethnic groups were present in the colonies in the mid-18th century? Describe the *push* and *pull* factors for each group’s migration, what part of the colonies they settled, and how they influenced the area they moved to.

IV. Chapters 29 & 30 – From the “Age of Limits” to the Age of Reason / The Age of Globalization

1. Explain Gerald Ford’s efforts to overcome the effects of Richard Nixon’s resignation
2. Discuss the rapid emergence of Jimmy Carter as a national figure and the main reason for his victory in 1976.
3. What was Carters main focus in Foreign policy? Assess his foreign policy success / failure?
4. What was Carters main focus in Domestic policy? Assess his domestic policy success./ failure?
5. What was the Iran Hostage Crisis? What was its effect on the Carter Presidency?
6. What was the “Reagan Revolution”?
7. Explain “supply side economics” (also known as Reaganomics).
8. Discuss the impact of Reagan’s domestic policy.
9. Discuss Reagan’s foreign policy and his dealings with Mikail Gorbachev.
10. Explain the impact of the fall of communism during the Presidency of George HW Bush.
11. What was special about the election of 1992? What role did Ross Perot play in the election of Bill Clinton?
12. Describe the success and failures of the Clinton administration
13. Why was Clinton impeached?
14. What was controversial about the election of 2000?
15. Discuss the War on Terrorism / Operation Iraqi Freedom