

AP United States History Summer Assignment

Throughout the course of the year we will be working to prepare for the A.P. exam in May. We will cover the time period from the discovery of America to present day. Since we are covering such a vast amount of content you will be required to complete a sizeable amount of reading. Please be prepared to turn in the complete summer assignment on the first day of class and be ready to take a test on the material the first week we are back in school!

The summer assignment consists of three components. Each component addresses a different skill/activity that we will commonly employ throughout the course. Be sure to complete all parts to the best of your ability. **You will need to register on schoology.com in order to complete the assignment. The access code for the APUSH class on Schoology is 2BDRK-8GCN4.** Schoology is also the best way to contact me during the summer.

Part I: Jared Diamond Analysis

Jared Diamond is an American Scientist who has contributed much to the world of social sciences through his writings and theories pertaining to evolution, discovery, agriculture, etc. Many of these theories try to answer the question of why society has evolved the way it has.

You will be reading an article by Jared Diamond titled "The Worst Mistake in the History of the Human Race." This article discusses the impact agriculture has on early development of societies. Soft copies of article are available on schoology.com

After reading this article you will:

1. Write a summary of the article in your own words. This summary should address the main ideas presented, the way in which Diamond presents them, the intended audience of the article, and the impact of the article.
2. Answer the question: Do you agree with Diamonds claims in the article? Why or why not? Using evidence to support your conclusion.
3. This assignment must be handwritten, but I reserve the right to request a soft copy that can be verified through a platform such as TurnItIn.com. [Any work deemed illegible for any reason, will be returned and penalized as being late until it is resubmitted] It must be a minimum of one page (250 words).
4. Cite any additional sources you use in MLA format, including the article itself.

Note: Jared Diamond also wrote a book called Guns, Germs, and Steel. Although you aren't required to read the book over the summer, the content from the book is beneficial for understanding the course of history. The book was turned into a documentary that is available in three parts on YouTube. I strongly suggest watching the documentary as well. It can be found at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwZ4s8Fsv94&list=PLhzqSO983AmHwWvGwccC46gs0SNObwnZX>

Part II: Completion of First 4 Chapters of Textbook

For each of the first four chapters of the textbook you will be required to complete Focus

Focus Questions:

Chapter 1

1. How were the Americas first settled?
2. In what ways did native communities adapt to the distinct regions of North America?
3. What were the consequences of the development of farming for native communities?
4. What was the nature of the Indian cultures in the three regions where Europeans first invaded and settled?

Chapter 2

1. What was the European background to colonization of North America?

2. What kind of an empire did the Spanish create in the New World, and why did it extend into North America?
3. In what ways did the exchange of peoples, crops, animals, and diseases shape the experience of European colonists and American natives?
4. What was the French role in the beginning of the North American fur trade?
5. Why did England enter the race for colonies?

Chapter 3

1. In what ways were the Spanish, French, and English colonies in North America similar? In what ways were they different?
2. What was the nature of the colonial encounter between English newcomers and Algonquian natives in the Chesapeake?
3. How did religious dissent shape the history of the New England colonies?
4. What role did the restored Stuart monarchy play in the creation of new proprietary colonies?
5. Why did warfare and internal conflict characterize the late seventeenth century?

Chapter 4

1. How did the modern system of slavery develop?
2. What is the history of the slave trade and Middle Passage?
3. How did Africans manage to create communities under the brutal slave system?
4. What were the connections between the institution of slavery and the imperial system of the eighteenth century?
5. How and why did racism develop in America?

Part III: B.A.G.P.I.P.E Organizers for the First 4 Chapters of Textbook

For each of the first four chapters of the textbook you will be required to complete a BAGPIPE Charts. The organizer can be found on schoolology.com