

# AP US HISTORY

## SUMMER INFO

**INTRO:** AP US History is a College level survey course encompassing all of American History. It culminates in May with the AP test for college credit. Due to the massive amount of information that needs to be covered summer reading assignments are necessary and mandatory. They allow students to come into class on the first day of school with the necessary background information needed to start our discussion of US History.

### **SELECTED READINGS:**

A People's History of the United States, by Howard Zinn. This can be found at the Canyon Library, Barnes & Noble, and online at Amazon.com, as well as at most other book stores.

American Pageant. This is the textbook for AP US History. It can be checked for summer use in our library. You need to read Chapter 1 and complete the Chapter 1 outline before the first day of school.

### **WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Utilize A People's History of the United States, as well as your American Pageant textbook to answer the set of questions on the back of this sheet. This should be done in your own handwriting. There will be a large quiz on the first day of class from this information.
2. Chapter 1 outline. Please go over the Chapter 1 outline thoroughly. You should define all of the key terms and have complete notes on the discussion items. The discussion items will be covered in class discussions.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** The first day of school we will have a large quiz dealing with the early inhabitant questions and the reading. We will also hand back the essays and begin our discussion of American History. Please be prepared to go to work on the first day.

If you have any questions contact me by email and I will get back to you ASAP.

Have a Great Summer

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**EARLY INHABITANTS QUESTIONS**

**DIRECTIONS:** Answer these questions on a lined sheet of paper, in your own handwriting. Please use A People's History of the United States and your American Pageant textbook to take notes on these discussion questions. Site what page you found the answer on.

1. What motivated the Spanish to invest money into Christopher Columbus' exploration? What was there business arrangement? How did Columbus pursue profits in the new world?
2. What is the major historical source of information regarding Columbus' voyages? What were his findings in detail?
3. On page 7 Zinn begins to discuss the role of Eliot Morison in the Columbus debate. What is Zinn's thesis in regards to Morison's accounts of history?
4. What other atrocities did the Spanish commit in the New World? How has history justified these actions? What does Eurocentric mean?
5. Compare the Spanish conquest of Native-Americans with that of the English colonists in Jamestown and New England? Consider the relationships and justifications sued?
6. When did the 1<sup>st</sup> inhabitants of the western hemisphere arrive here? What geographic path did they take to the New World? Why did their migration stop? What was their population in 1492?
7. How were these Native Americans grouped together?(large cities, small wanderers?) What were some of the advancements of Native American culture?
8. From the list of tribes/cultures below identify where they were located geographically and what their culture was like.
  - a. Cahokia
  - b. Aztecs
  - c. Powhattan's Confederacy
  - d. League of the Iroquois
9. Examine the Iroquois society and then tell me what you found to be the cultural advancements, similarities, and weaknesses of their culture as it compared to European culture of the day.
10. What were the English looking for in America? What type of Englishman came to the New World? Why? Where were they colonizing geographically? What type of colonial system did they organize in the New World?
11. How did each of these colonial groups interact with Native Americans? What caused good or bad relationships to develop between European settlers and Native Americans?
12. What was the economic theory of mercantilism? How did it give birth to the Age of Exploration?

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CHAPTER 1 OUTLINE**

**PRIOR KNOWLEDGE NEEDED:**

- The Causes of the Christian Crusades and the social and economic impact it had on the western world.
- The causes and impact of the Spanish Inquisition
- The causes and impact of the Scientific Revolution

**KEY TERMS:**

Pangea, Hiawatha, Cahokia, Iroquois Confederation, Marco Polo's exploration, Caravel, Indies, Dark Continent, Infidel Muslim Moors, Renaissance, Scientific Revolution, Columbian Exchange, Conquistador, Encomienda System, Reconquista, mestizo, Noche Triste, Dia de la Raza, Pope's rebellion, missions, Black Legend, Treaty of Tordesillas.

**KEY HISTORICAL FIGURES:**

Cortez, Pizarro, Leon, Balboa, Coronado, Magellan, Vespucci, La Salle, Columbus, Isabella and Ferdinand.

**KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- How was the Discovery of maize revolutionary?
- How did Eastern Native American society differ?
- How did the Crusades influence the Age of Exploration? The slave trade?
- Consider the geographic locations of the Spanish colonies depicted in the map in "AP", how did that influence the development of the Spanish colonies?
- How did religious tensions in Spain help shape its colonial desires?
- What is the lasting social impact of the encomienda system?

**OUTSIDE SOURCES:**

***Zinn Ch. 1 Key Topics for Discussion***

- What are the revelations Zinn offers that might be contrary to history you have been taught before about Columbus?
- What is the point about Morison's historiography starting on page 8 that Zinn tries to make? What is the impact of that upon our study of history?
- What is the impact of the findings of Bartolome' de las Casas?
- Compare the stories of Cortes and Pizarro to that of Jamestown and New England in terms of their Native American tactics and relationship?
- What is the potential thesis that Zinn offers on page 17? How valid is it?
- What was Native American culture like here in the western world?

***Nash handout Key Topics for Discussion***

- How and why did the Spanish carry out the invasion, conquest, and government of their western colonies? What was the impact of Pope's rebellion?
- What was the Spanish involvement in California and its impact?