

AP United States History: Summer Assignment 2019

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Assigned Text

Alan Taylor. *American Colonies: The Settling of North America.* New York and London: Penguin Books, 2002. 544 pp. \$9.50 (paper), ISBN-10: 0142002100

Directions:

Students are to carefully read the first two chapters of Alan Taylor's book. Each chapter will have a set of questions for which short answer responses will be asked to probe for understanding. Each student currently enrolled in Advanced Placement is expected to complete the summer assignment and have access to this book throughout the first three units of the course. Students may use a hard copy or e-book. (My suggestion is to purchase the form which the student finds it easiest to highlight and annotate.) **Responses to chapters 1 and 2 will be required on the second day of class August 28th (A), August 29th (B) 2019.**

- *All responses must be handwritten.*
- Typed responses will **not** be accepted.
- The length of responses will be determined by however long it takes to completely and totally answer all parts of the question.
- The other subsequent chapters will be assigned once the school year has begun.

Part One: The Encounters

Chapter One: Natives

1. How has recent archeology and anthropology changed the way scholars think of Native Americans. Why does much remain controversial about this period of history?
2. Why is the debate of whom was innately worse: the Indians or the Europeans pointless, according to Taylor?
3. What circumstances and motivations propelled Europeans towards exploration and colonization by 1492?
4. What are Taylor's three ideas concerning migration to the Americas?
5. Describe the significance of maize agriculture on the development of labor, technology, and culture of native peoples in the Americas.
6. Why was horticulture not universally adopted in the Americas?
7. How do we know that the Hohokam and Anasazi peoples were in contact with Central Mexico?
8. How did the Hohokam and Anasazi adapt to the geography? How did the reliance on maize affect their society?
9. How did geography impact the Mississippian (Mound Builders) culture? Describe their culture (beliefs, building structures, labor, technology, gender roles) in detail.
10. According to Taylor, how did Christianity impact Europeans' views about the natural world? How did capitalism?

Chapter Two: Colonizers

1. Why was Magellan's 1519-1522 voyage significant?
2. Who, How, Why was the phrase 'new world' coined?
3. What was the environmental revolution brought about by contact between Europe, the Americas, and Africa?
4. Considering the conditions in Europe in the fourteenth and fifteenth century, why was European expansion after the 1490s 'stunning' and improbable?
5. What were the two major religions of the age of expansion? How did they impact the new world?
6. Describe the significance of Renaissance science and the development of new technologies for the colonizers (Europeans).
7. Describe how the institution of chattel slavery (generational slavery based upon race) and the slave trade network developed.
8. Describe the population changes in Europe, the Americas, and Africa. How was it impacted by natural increase, migration, and disease?
9. Why was the role of pathogens in terms of contact between Europeans and Native Americans & Europeans and Africans different?
10. Describe the positive and negative impact of food from the Americas on European populations.