

### Summer Assignment 2023

Welcome to AP US History. In preparation for this college level course, please complete the summer assignment outlined below. The assignment will be collected on the first day of class, and the quality of your work will be assessed. Bring a hardcopy of your work on the first day of class.

The assignment includes the following:

- Reading Chapter 1 (link provided)
- Short Answer questions on Chapter 1
- Analysis of 3 primary sources (links provided)
- Watch the video *America Before Columbus* using the link below:

[https://www.schooltube.com/media/America+Before+Columbus+Documentary/1\\_g40vn37d](https://www.schooltube.com/media/America+Before+Columbus+Documentary/1_g40vn37d)

There are 9 periods of study in this course, so it is essential that summer work be completed on time.

#### **Period 1 (1491-1607)**

##### **Key Concepts:**

- 1.1: Before the arrival of Europeans, native populations in North America developed a wide variety of social, political, and economic structures based in part on interactions with the environment and each other.
- 1.2: European overseas expansion resulted in the Columbian Exchange, a series of interactions and adaptations among societies across the Atlantic.
- 1.3: Contacts among American Indians, Africans, and Europeans challenged the worldviews of each group.

**Assignment: Chapter 1 American History, Alan Brinkley**  
**<http://pshs.psd202.org/documents/1527798922.pdf>**

**Answer the following questions:**

1. *Identify and explain the ways in which native peoples interacted and transformed the Native American environment before European colonization.*
2. *Discuss significant differences and similarities between the pre-Columbian societies that developed in Central & South America compared to those in North America.*
3. *Identify and explain how technology influenced Columbus' voyage.*
4. *Identify three main characteristics of Spanish settlements in the New World.*
5. *Discuss Spanish-Native American relations in the New World. Provide 3 examples.*
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7. **List** information from Chapter 1 that identifies the results of Columbus' discovery of a "New World" using the themes below:
  - Work, Exchange, Technology
  - Social Structures
  - Migration & Settlement
  - Power & Politics
  - Environment & Geography
  - Identity

*\*Use the following link to the College Board AP US History site for descriptions of the above themes: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-us-history-course-and-exam-description.pdf>*

**Read the following 3 primary source documents:**

Christopher Columbus:

[http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/active\\_learning/explorations/spain/spain\\_columbus2.cfm](http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/active_learning/explorations/spain/spain_columbus2.cfm)

Juan Gines de Sepulveda:

[https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/active\\_learning/explorations/spain/spain\\_sepulveda.cfm](https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/active_learning/explorations/spain/spain_sepulveda.cfm)

Bartolome de Las Casas:

[http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/active\\_learning/explorations/spain/spain\\_delascasas.cfm](http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/active_learning/explorations/spain/spain_delascasas.cfm)

**For each of the primary sources above, answer the following:**

- *Identify and explain the author's perspective, and point-of-view.*
- *What evidence is used to support the author's claims.*
- *On what issues did the authors agree or disagree? Identify and explain.*