

AP US HISTORY : SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT 2020 with GUIDED READING QUESTIONS

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Chapter 1

1. Describe the geological and geographical conditions that set the stage for North American history.
2. Describe the origin and development of the major Indian cultures of the Americas.
3. Explain the developments in Europe and Africa that led up to Columbus's voyage to America.
4. Explain the changes and conflicts that occurred when the diverse worlds of Europe, Africa, and Americas collided after 1492.
5. Describe the Spanish conquest of Mexico and South America and identify the major features of Spanish colonization and expansion in North America.

Chapter 2

1. Summarize the major factors that led England to begin colonization.
2. Describe the development of the Jamestown colony from its disastrous beginnings to its later prosperity.
3. Describe the cultural and social interaction and exchange between English settlers and Indians in Virginia, and the effects of the Virginians' policy of warfare and forced removal.
4. Describe changes in the economy and labor system in Virginia and the other southern colonies.

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5. Indicate the similarities and differences among the southern colonies of Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Chapter 3

1. Describe the Puritans and their beliefs and explain why they left England for the New World.
2. Explain the basic religious and governmental ideas and practices of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
3. Explain how Massachusetts Bay's conflict with religious dissenters as well as economic opportunities led to the expansion of New England in to Rhode Island, Connecticut, and elsewhere.
4. Describe the conflict between the colonists and Indians in New England and the effects of King Philip's War.
5. Summarize early New England attempts at intercolonial unity, and the consequences of England's Glorious Revolution in America.
6. Describe the founding of New York and Pennsylvania, and explain why these two settlements as well as the other middle colonies became so ethnically, religiously, and politically diverse.
7. Describe the central features of the middle colonies and explain how they differed from New England and the southern colonies.

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Chapter 4

1. Describe the basic economy, demographics, and social structure and life of the seventeenth-century colonies.
2. Compare and contrast the different forms of society and ways of life of the southern colonies and New England.
3. Explain how the practice of indentured servitude failed to solve the colonial labor problem, and why colonists then turned to African slavery.
4. Describe the slave trade and the character of early African American slavery.
5. Summarize the unique New England way of life centered on family, town, and church, and describe the changes that overcame this comfortable social order in the late seventeenth century.
6. Describe the role of family life and the roles of women in the seventh century colonies, and indicate how these changed over time.

Chapter 5

1. Describe the demographic, economic, and social structure of the eighteenth-century colonies and indicate how they had changed since the seventeenth century.
2. Explain how the economic development of the colonies altered the patterns of social prestige and wealth.

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3. Identify the major religious denominations of the eighteenth-century colonies, and indicate their role in early American society.

4. Explain the causes of the religious Great Awakening, and describe its effects on American education and politics.

5. Describe the origins and development of education, culture, and journalism in the colonies.

6. Describe the basic features of colonial politics, including the role of various official and informal political institutions.

7. Indicate the key qualities of daily existence in eighteenth-century colonial America, including forms of socialization and recreation.