

APUSH / APUSH-DC / DC US History

Summer 2016 Assignment

Memorial Senior High School

Daily Assignment – Textbook Chapter Reading and Study Questions

Introduction – For a daily work/homework grade students will read the first two chapters of the APUSH textbook *American History: Connecting with the Past*, 15th Edition by Alan Brinkley, AND complete Study Questions for each chapter. Also, students will read Chapter three from Howard Zinn’s *A People’s History of the United States* and complete study questions. This assignment will need to be completed in class and must be handwritten to demonstrate that each student has completed the assignment individually.

Directions:

1. Students should read the required chapter and answer the attached questions as they read.
2. Answers should be written on a separate sheet.
3. All answers should be in complete sentences.
4. All answers MUST be hand written.
5. Answers should be written in pen.

American History: Connecting with the Past, 15th Edition by Alan Brinkley

Chapter 1: THE COLLISION OF CULTURES

Study Questions

1. Identify and describe the elaborate native civilizations that developed in South and Central America and Mexico.
2. Describe the way of life of the North American Indians—where they lived and how they supported themselves.
3. Describe the changes taking place among North American Indians during the century before Europeans arrived.
4. How were efforts to determine the pre-Columbian population of America tied to the larger debate over the consequences of European settlement of the Western Hemisphere?
5. What changes stimulated Europeans to look toward new lands?
6. What did Columbus hope to achieve through his voyages, and what did he actually accomplish?
7. Why did the conquistadors seek to eliminate the underpinnings of existing American civilizations? How was this destruction accomplished?
8. Explain the relationship between the Spanish and the Pueblo Indians. How did this relationship shape the development of New Mexico?
9. Describe the demographic differences between the Spanish Empire in America and the empires to the north. What impact did European diseases have on colonization efforts?
10. What did Europeans gain from the Indians that proved more important than gold?
11. What did the intermarriage of Spanish and North Americans reveal about the Spanish colonial system and suggest about the Europeans who administered it?
12. What role did the Catholic Church play in Spanish colonization efforts?
13. Describe the cultures from which African slaves were taken and brought to America.
14. How did the African slave trade originate, and how did it evolve?
15. What commercial factors contributed to England's decision to seek colonies in the New World?
16. How did the English Reformation differ from that of Luther and Calvin? Why did it fail to satisfy the religious desires of many English people?
17. What did the Puritans wish to accomplish, and why did they clash with James I?
18. How did the English colonization of Ireland influence the way in which the English colonized America?
19. Where did the French and Dutch establish colonies in North America, and how did their efforts differ from those of the Spanish and the English?

20. What inspired the English to get into the race for the colonies?
21. Describe the colonization efforts of Sir Humphrey Gilbert and Sir Walter Raleigh.
22. How did James I settle the rivalry between London and Plymouth merchants over the exploration of North America?

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Chapter 2: TRANSPLANTATIONS AND BORDERLANDS

Study Questions

1. What conditions shaped the character of English settlements in America?
2. What serious difficulties did the Virginia colonists face from the moment they landed?
3. How did the motives of the Virginia colonists differ from those of the separatists who settled in Plymouth?
4. Explain the importance of tobacco in the development of the Virginia colony.
5. Explain how exchanges of agricultural technology between Europeans and Native Americans helped Jamestown survive.
6. What led to Virginia becoming a royal colony?
7. What were the origins of the colony of Maryland? How did Maryland's early development differ from that of Virginia?
8. What were the origins of the political turmoil in Virginia during the 1670s?
9. How was Bacon's Rebellion related to the political unrest in Virginia, and what effect did the rebellion have on the development of that colony?
10. Describe the background of the Pilgrims and their motives for coming to America.
11. How did the Pilgrims' experience with the Indians differ markedly from that of the settlers in Virginia?
12. How did the turbulent events in England generate interest in colonization among certain English Puritans? What did these Puritans hope to accomplish?
13. How did the charter of the Massachusetts Bay Company influence the colony's first government?
14. What did the Puritans believe to be their purpose in coming to America (their "mission"), and how did church and state cooperate to achieve this goal?
15. How did the colony of Connecticut originate? Rhode Island? What does this expansion ("exodus") reveal about the colony of Massachusetts Bay?
16. What was the controversy surrounding Anne Hutchinson, and what does it reveal about Puritan religious and social beliefs?

17. What factors made relations between Indians and colonists in New England such a disaster for Native Americans?
18. What obstacles did the colonists have to overcome if they were to be successful in America?
19. How were conflicts between natives and settlers affected by earlier exchanges in technology between the English and the tribes?
20. How did the Stuart Restoration affect those colonies already established in America? How did it affect attitudes about founding more settlements?
21. How did the political, economic, social, and religious institutions established in Carolina reflect the proprietors' motives for starting the colony?
22. What sort of social order took root in the colony of Carolina? Why did it differ from that proposed under Carolina's Fundamental Constitution?
23. How did the existing Dutch settlements and institutions influence the development of New York?
24. What beliefs and practices characterized the Quakers, and how did their influence make Pennsylvania a unique colony?
25. Why were the Caribbean colonies the "most important destinations" for English immigrants throughout the first half of the seventeenth century?
26. What circumstances led to English colonization in the Caribbean?
27. What conditions led English planters to begin importing labor to the Caribbean Islands?
28. Why did Caribbean planters fear slave revolts? What steps did they take to prevent uprisings?
29. Why was it difficult to establish a stable society and culture in the Caribbean colonies?
30. Which colonies made up the Spanish borderlands and what sort of people settled there?
31. What role did the Spanish borderlands play in Spanish relations with England?
32. How did the purposes for which Georgia was founded differ from those of previous colonies? How were they similar?
33. What were the middle grounds? Which groups competed for them and what role did competition for this land play in the settlement and development of colonial North America?
34. What attempts did England make to regulate its colonies between 1660 and 1700? What moved the mother country to consider regulation at this time, and how was it enforced?
35. What were the origins of the Dominion of New England, and what was the colonial reaction to it?
36. What impact did the Glorious Revolution have on England's North American colonies?

HOWARD ZINN – *A People's History of the United States*

CHAPTER 3 -- Persons of Mean and Vile Conditions

Study Questions

1. What is Howard Zinn's thesis, his primary point, in this chapter?
2. What was the underlying cause of Bacon's Rebellion?
3. What was the "double motive" of the Virginia government vis-à-vis Bacon's Rebellion?
4. What groups of people took part in Bacon's Rebellion?
5. Explain indentured servitude (also known as the "headright system").
6. How did the voyage of indentured servants to America compare with the "Middle Passage."
7. What generally happened to indentured servants after they became free?
8. To what extent did a class structure emerge in America by 1700?
9. What was the probable reason why Parliament made transportation to the New World a legal punishment for crime?
10. Explain the statement: "race was becoming more and more practical."