

AP US History

Pre-Class Assignment (DUE the first day of whichever semester you have APUSH)

Directions: You must complete all work in complete sentences on your own paper with your own handwriting. Please number all of your answers. I WILL NOT GRADE TYPED ANSWERS OR ANYTHING WRITTEN ON THIS PAPER. This is a 100 point test grade.

Chapter 1

1. Answer the following questions about Mesoamerica: (5 points)
 - a. Where was it?
 - b. Who lived there?
 - c. When was it relevant?
 - d. What was life there like?
 - e. Why is it in history books?
2. Answer the following questions for BOTH the Aztecs and the Incas: (6 points)
 - a. What political and economic systems did they develop?
 - b. What changes did they bring to Mesoamerica?
 - c. Why are they in history books?
3. What are THREE lifestyle similarities between Hohokan Culture and Anasazi Culture? (3 points)
4. Adena, Hopewell, or Mississippian: Which tribe had the most interesting dwellings and Why? (2 points)
5. Using the map on p.18
 - a. Rank the regions from most appealing (1) pre-colonial lifestyle to least appealing (9) pre-colonial lifestyle and justify your top answer. (6 points)

Chapter 2

6. Answer the following questions for the Renaissance Movement: (4 points)
 - a. When was it?
 - b. Where was it?
 - c. Who was part of it?
 - d. What effect did this era have on early pre-colonial American history?

7. What was a joint-stock company and what role did they have in colonial history in America? (2 points)
8. How did the Protestant Reformation alter history in the Americas? (2 points)
9. List THREE ways Puritans defied British authority. (3 points)
10. What European nation was the first to capitalize on human trafficking from Africa? (1 point)
11. What are THREE differences between “new slavery” and old slavery? (3 points)
12. What is one effect of the Treaty of Tordesillas still evident today? (2 points)
13. What single commodity remained a coveted economic resource from the 1500s through the American Revolution? (2 points)
14. Which conquistador is credited with the defeat of the Aztecs? (1 point)
15. What was the estimated population of Mexico in 1519? 1600? (2 points)
16. Please create your own definition for encomiendas. (2 points)
17. Answer the following questions about New France: (4 points)
 - a. Where was it?
 - b. Who established it?
 - c. When was it established?
 - d. What impact did it have on colonial America?
18. Answer the following questions about John Smith: (4 points)
 - a. Where and when was he relevant to American history?
 - b. Why is he in most American history textbooks?
19. List THREE ways the people on the *Mayflower* forever altered American history? (3 points)
20. Answer all of the following questions as they relate to New Netherlands: (3 points)
 - a. Who founded it and when?
 - b. What nation claimed it?
21. Short Essay Question (40 points). You will need a clear thesis (10pts), complete sentence paragraphs with evidence (25pts), and a closing paragraph (5 pts). If you cheat on this, you will receive a zero on the entire assignment.

Spain

France

Great Britain

Netherlands

Which nation’s explorers had the greatest impact on American history? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.