

AP US History Summer Assignment

The following four assignments will be due the first Thursday/Friday we return to campus in August. *We will be on a block schedule so your due date will either be the 13th OR 14th.

1. *America Before Columbus* Video and Questions (see pg.2)

2. AMSCO Reading Quiz

You are *STRONGLY* urged to purchase the 2020 APUSH AMSCO book ([CLICK HERE](#)) as you will have *weekly* reading quizzes. If you are unable to purchase a book, you can use the older version (check folder) throughout the year that will be provided.

Your first AMSCO Reading Quiz will cover the Introduction AND Chapters 1-3. Take (handwritten) notes...any notes you have on the day of the quiz *can* be used. Please note the Introduction chapter (digital file/folder) is dated...you should look up the 2019 AP Updates (College Board).

3. Map Quiz

When you return to school, you will have a quiz on the 50 states. You should be able to identify and spell each state correctly.

4. Presidents Quiz

On the same day as your Map Quiz, you will also have a Presidents Quiz where you will be asked to list the first 23 presidents (in order) as well as their party affiliation and the years served in office.

ALL work must be completed in PEN (black/blue preferred).

NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Please reach out if you have any questions elizabeth.sikes@stjohns.k12.fl.us

America Before Columbus Video & Questions

Directions: Answer the following questions after you've watched the video.

Reminder: Written with complete sentences/thought, & without the help from the internet/friend.

America Before Columbus

1. In general, what was Europe like before Columbus came to the Americas?
2. What was Europe's agriculture like?
3. What role did domesticated animals play?
4. What are the "Big Five" animals?
5. Describe the mound builder cultures of the Mississippi:
6. Why is the development of corn such an amazing achievement?
7. What food source powered the Inca empire?
8. How did the Inca change the landscape to increase their food supply?
9. Explain the role the llama played:
10. After the llama, what is the second largest domesticated animal in the Americas?
11. What are the two most likely explanations for the extinction of all the large animals in the Americas? Label this 11A) and 11B) so I can see you did both.
12. Explain why the Native Americans of the Great Plains and the Atlantic seaboard burned the landscape with fires every year:
13. What role did the bison play in Great Plains cultures?
14. Compare and contrast American hunting vs. European hunting.
15. Explain what happened to fish in Europe?
16. Describe the Chaco Canyon and Anasazi culture.
17. Explain why the Europeans were able to cut down their forests, what they used them for, and what the cost was when they ran out of forests.
18. What were the goals of Spain and Columbus in setting out West across the Atlantic?
19. How does Columbus describe this "paradise" he has found to Queen Isabella?
20. Explain the role the horse played in the conquest of the Americas?
21. Explain the role the mustang played in changing Native American cultures, particularly on the Great Plains?
22. Compare and contrast the attitudes toward the pig by both Europeans and Native Americans, including the reasons for those attitudes?
23. Explain the impact of diseases on the Native Americans, and how the Europeans took advantage of that impact?
24. Explain which crops were taken back to Europe?
25. Explain the impact syphilis had on Europe?
26. What kind of wealth did the English find in North America, rather than gold and silver?
27. What impact did European animals and plants have on North America?
28. What role did bees play in the environmental takeover of North America ("biological imperialism")?
29. What impact did New World vegetables have on Europe? ("Columbian Exchange")
30. What two addictive substances became the most profitable crops grown in the Americas?
31. What human tragedy resulted from those addictive substances?

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