

Advanced Placement U.S. History

Summer Project

Directions for project

You may use any reference text, US History textbook, or internet resource to complete these essays.

- a) Outline the different reasons for why settlement happened in North America. What were the groups and the reasons for leaving Europe to explore colonization? What types of colonies did they found and for what reasons? What were the conflicts that erupted among them and why?
- b) How did the colonists react to the Native American population within the first two centuries of colonial history? What were the results of their meeting politically, socially, and economically?
- c) What were the main reasons for the success of the English colonies in the New World? To what extent were these colonies a success? Be sure to define mercantilism in your answer and the role of the colonies in it. To what extent were Native Americans, Colonists and English European Power Brokers all involved with the process?
- d) Outline the events of the French and Indian War. What was it all about in the colonies? To what extent did this create superiority for the British in North America and create desire for settlement further west?
- e) We hear the phrase "taxation without representation" in referring to one of the main reasons for the eventual War for Independence from Britain. What did this actually mean? To what extent were large land owners affected by British notions of colonization that moved them toward revolution to gain more rights and a greater share of British rights?
- f) Outline the main reasons for the War for Independence and what were the effects of the Continental Congresses, the Intolerable Acts, and the eventual Declaration of Independence and armed skirmishes that challenged the might of the British Empire.

Requirements are as follows:

- each essay is to be word-processed, NOT hand-written.
- all academic essays are to be double-spaced.
- one-inch margins all around.
- length for each essay is should be at least 1 page but not more than 2 full pages.
- keep focused and be sure to answer all parts of each question in detail.
- use a spell-check!

The project is due the first day of school. Any questions can be addressed to Fr. Michael personally by email at michael@cbhs.edu