

# Advanced Placement U.S. History

# Summer Project

Directions for the Project.

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

- a) Outline the different reasons for European settlement 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 specific success of the English and Spanish colonies in the New World? To what extent were these colonies a success and how were they an important part of mercantile trade? To what extent were Native Americans, Colonists and English and Spanish Power Brokers all involved with the process?
- d) Outline the events of the French and Indian War (Seven Years War). To what extent were the colonies in North America involved in this conflict? To what extent did this create British superiority in North America and promote British desire for settlement further west?
- e) To what extent is the phrase "taxation without representation" an accurate summary for colonial grievances after 1760? To what extent were large land owners in the colonies demanding a greater share of British political rights? How did Parliament react to these demands?
- f) Outline the main reasons for the War for Independence. What were the effects of the Continental Congresses, the Intolerable Acts, the 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](mailto:michael@cbhs.edu). A prompt reply will follow.

**You do NOT have to complete any other summer reading assignment except this project.**