**Advanced Placement U.S. History Summer Assignment 2023**

Directions: For each essay below, compose a response of 1-2 pages.

As we will not be distributing the textbooks for this class prior to August, you may use any reference text, American history textbook, or internet resource to assist you in completing these essays. I *strongly recommend* using *both* physical and online textbooks and websites, not *just* websites!

There are nine time periods in U.S. History that we will study this year. The essays cover material from Period 1 (1491-1607) and Period 2 (1607-1754). This will allow us to begin our study of history in August with the prelude to the American Revolution.

**Some helpful online resources:**

[*The American Yawp* (online textbook)](https://www.americanyawp.com/)

[Crash Course U.S. History](https://ideastream.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/crash-course/t/crash-course-us-history/)

[Heimler’s History](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_bOoi0e3L3SJ1xx5TZWHPw)

[Adam Norris](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC223Rd7yCfDo9fv6ENdNp9Q)

[Jocz Productions](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVP_vzaHr-s9SZoCOJu3GHw)

[AP U.S. History (College Board)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekWm3nMm-ns&list=PLoGgviqq4847VRWTPXkDwxeVvNNfoKD7J)

[AP U.S. History (Gilder Lehrman Institute)](https://ap.gilderlehrman.org/)

**Requirements are as follows:**

• All six (6) essays should be written in the same file, and should be in either Microsoft Word or

Google Docs, NOT hand-written. (In other words, you will be submitting **one file, not six**!)

• Each essay should be at least 1 page but no longer than 2 pages.

• As this is an academic essay, each essay must be in MLA format (12 pt. font,

double-spaced, one-inch margins).

• Keep focused and be sure to answer all parts of each question in detail.

• Be sure to proofread and spell-check your answer!

• You *must* list your sources on a Works Cited page that should follow the essays. (Sources for all six essays can be included on the same Works Cited page – they don’t need to follow each individual essay). The Works Cited page must be in MLA format.

**You will submit the project on Turnitin.com in class on the first day of school and it will be worth 100 points.**

**Any questions can be addressed to Dr. Salem at drsalem@cbhs.edu and will receive a prompt response.**

[Essay prompts are on the next page.]

**Essays:**

1. Outline the different reasons for European settlement in North America. List the European countries involved and describe each country’s reasons for exploring colonization. What types of colonies did they found and for what reasons? What were the conflicts that erupted among them and why? In your answer, be sure to define terms like joint-stock company, royal colony, and proprietary colony.

2. How did the colonists react to the Native American population within the first two centuries of colonial history? (Be sure to break down your answer by European country – English, Spanish, French, Dutch, etc.) What were the results of their meeting politically, socially, and economically?

3. Define the term “mercantilism.” Explain the different European (English, Spanish, French, Dutch) approaches to trade in the new world. In your answer, include an explanation for why the English, French, and Spanish colonies were so successful. Also, be sure to explain the role that the Native Americans played in trade with the Europeans.

4. 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? (Be sure to explain George Washington’s role in the beginning of the conflict.) To what extent did the war create British superiority in North America and promote the desire for settlement further west after the war?

5. To what extent is the phrase “taxation without representation” an accurate summary for colonial grievances after 1760? Explain the reasons why large landowners in the colonies demanded a greater share of British political rights. How did the British Parliament react to these demands?

6. Outline the main reasons for the War for Independence (Revolutionary War). To do this, explain the effects of the following events: the Continental Congresses, the Intolerable Acts, the Declaration of Independence, and the armed skirmishes (Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill, etc.) that challenged the might of the British Empire.