

# Required book

## American Colonies: The Settling of North America

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#### Summer Reading Study Guide Questions

AP U.S. History

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**Directions:** Below are study guide questions for each chapter of the book. Your in class assessments in September will be based on your reading of the book and the study guide questions. Please keep the information in a notebook so you are prepared for the in class assessment in September.

Do you have to answer all of the study guide questions? Yes! Each teacher will use the questions for a different type of grade. For example Mr. Purciogliotti, the assignment will count as two test grades. Don't panic when the see large amount of questions. A lot of these questions can be answered in a few words. However, in order to be successful on the assessments the more you know the better. In addition, this summer reading assignment is not **busy work!** This is material that you will be responsible to know when we return to school in September, throughout the school year, on the AP Exam in May, and the Regents Exam in June.

If you any questions, please e-mail one of us.

#### Chapter 1-Natives

- This is a short chapter. You can glance through it. It is a quick recap of the migration across the Bering Strait. You get a sense of who was here thousands of years ago.

#### Chapter 2-Colonizers

- Why were the Portuguese and Spanish interested in westward exploration?
- True or false: Columbus was more of a religious fanatic than a secular person.
- How did Marco Polo influence Columbus?
- How did Columbus treat the native people he encountered?
- How did the printing press increase Columbus' popularity?
- How did the Pope settle an exploration dispute between the two countries?
- In a few words, summarize the encounters between the Spanish and the natives.
- To what extent did disease affect the Native Americans?
- One example from the Columbian exchange is food. How did food improve conditions in Europe?
- Define ecological imperialism.

#### Chapter 3-New Spain

- Define the term "Black Legend."
- How did Cortez conquer Mexico?
- Define conquistadores.
- Who was Bartoleme de Las Cases and how did he influence both Spain and New Spain?
- Why was the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588 a turning point for the Spanish empire during the 16<sup>th</sup> Century?

#### Chapter 4-Spanish Frontier

- Which areas of the New World did de Vaca, Soto, and Caranado conquer for Spain?
- Explain the Pueblo Revolt.
- How would you summarize the treatment of the Spanish towards the natives?
- Which factors influenced the Spanish behavior towards the Natives?

## **Chapter 5-Canada and Iroquoia**

- Why did the French settle in upstate New York and Canada?
- How did the French make money in the New World?
- Where did the Dutch settle?
- Who were the Jesuits?

## **Chapter 6-Virginia**

- Who were the “West Country Men” in England? What did they finance and promote?
- What were their three goals?
- Define a “sturdy beggar.”
- Quickly summarize the rise and fall of Roanoke.
- Why was 1607 an important date for English colonization?
- Why did they settle at Jamestown?
- Who was Captain John Smith? How did he rule the colony?
- Define the term “headright system.”
- How did the introduction of tobacco save the Jamestown colony?
- In 1624, Virginia changes to this type of colony.

## **Chapter 7-Chesapeake Colonies**

- Who settled in the Chesapeake colonies?
- Explain the term commonwealth.
- At first the colony had more men or women?
- Why did indentured servants come to the Chesapeake colony?
- What was the average age of an indentured servant?
- How much did the typical trip cost?
- The colonial courts favored master or indentured servant?
- Why did indentured servitude fail?
- Explain the background that led to Bacon’s Rebellion.
- How did Great Britain respond to the rebellion?
- Why did Virginia turn to slavery?
- How did slave masters punish their slaves?
- Name a few examples of how Virginia’s laws permanently discriminated against slaves.
- How were free blacks discriminated against?

## **Chapter 8-New England**

- Explain the term “middling sorts.”
- Compare the difference between the English who settled in Virginia and those that settled in New England.
- How were church and state related in **England**?
- Who were the Puritans?
- Who were the Separatists?
- How did the Puritans desire to reform the Church of England?
- Briefly explain some examples of the Puritan lifestyle.
- When did the first Puritans arrive in New England?
- What was the “Great Migration?”
- Why did the “middling sort” leave England?
- What were some “economic” reasons for leaving England?
- Explain the journey across the Atlantic for the first Puritans.
- Explain a typical New England town.
- What was a freehold?

- Men or women had greater legal standing in New England?
- However, women did have an important social role. What was it?
- Why was Harvard College created in 1636?
- Describe a full member of the church.
- Why was the Half-Way Covenant developed?
- Why did people experiment with witchcraft?
- What happened in Salem, Massachusetts in 1692?
- Which Puritan values endure to the present day?
- To what extent was Puritan New England an open society? To what extent was it closed?

### **Chapter 9-Puritans and Indians**

- How did the Puritans view the Native Americans?
- Compare the English view of property with the Native Americans' view.
- Describe the Pequot War.
- Explain a "Praying Town." How did "Praying Towns" free up land for colonists?
- Explain King Phillip's War.

### **Chapter 10-The West Indies**

- Geographically, where are the West Indies?
- The West Indies produced which cash crop?
- Why was Barbados attractive to English settlers?
- Although a complex process, how much sugar cane was produced in Barbados?
- Why were slaves needed besides the labor involved in making sugar?

### **Chapter 11-Carolina**

- Why was Carolina appealing to English colonists?
- Why was the gun trade important?
- This crop leads the Carolinas to economic prosperity.
- In the 1750's, the Carolinas started to produce\_\_\_\_\_.
- How did slave masters keep their slaves from engaging in bad behavior or revolting?
- Explain the Stono Rebellion.
- Why was Georgia created in 1732?
- Georgia was the first colony to reject this institution?

### **Chapter 12-Middle Colonies**

- Who originally settled in present day New York and Delaware?
- In the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, the most free and open country in Europe was\_\_\_\_\_?
- Why did the famous Enlightenment philosophers Rene Descartes and John Locke go to the Netherlands?
- Who settled New Netherlands in 1609?
- Why did New Netherlands not last?
- In 1673, it became \_\_\_\_\_?
- Who were the Quakers? What was their official title? How did they get the name Quakers?
- How did James II ascension to the English throne help the Quakers and William Penn?
- When was Pennsylvania settled?

### **Chapter 13-Revolutions**

- How did the Dominion of New York affect colonial governments and colonial taxation?
- Summarize the Glorious Revolution.
- True or False: English colonist believed certain liberties belonged to them in the colonies.
- Why did William and Mary increase tax collection from the colonies?

## **Chapter 14-The Atlantic**

- Why did newspapers develop in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century?
- How many slaves did the British import in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century?
- Where did most end up?
- Why did some female slaves engage in infanticide?
- Explain the methods used to prevent slaves from leaving the slave ships.
- Define Middle Passage.
- Explain the difference between “loose packer” and “tight packer.”
- Besides being chained, what other examples of inhumane treatment did slaves face?
- What were some violent methods used to get slaves to work on plantations?

## **Chapter 15-Awakenings**

- Define the First Great Awakening.
- Who were George Whitefield and Jonathan Edwards?
- How did Benjamin Franklin contribute to the movement?
- Explain “Old lights” and “New lights.”
- How were the First Great Awakening and slavery related to each other?

## **Chapter 16-French America**

- Which southern most colony did the French settle in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century?
- Compare France’s relationship with the Indians with Britain and Spain’s relationship.
- Define the term Ancien Regime.
- Why did France send few colonists?
- How did the French government create interest in Louisiana?

## **Chapter 17-The Great Plains**

- Geographically, where is the Great Plains located?
- This was the most important animal in the Great Plains.
- Why did this animal’s population rapidly decline?

## **Chapter 18-Imperial Wars and Crisis**

- How did the French and Indian or Seven Years War start? In what ways can it be considered the “First World War?”
- Which future American hero and president suffered a bad defeat during this war?
- This new British Prime Minister decided to spend millions to defend their colonies in the New World. Why did he make that decision?
- Which territories did Britain gain from France and Spain after the war in the New World?
- How did the war change the relationship between the British government and the colonies?

## **Chapter 19-The Pacific**

- To the Europeans, what was mysterious about the Pacific Ocean?
- Which two future states did the Spanish and Russians try to protect from one another?
- Which areas did Captain James Cook of Britain explore?
- His explorations destroyed the myth that this passage existed?
- Why was Hawaii an important location in the Pacific?