AP US HISTORY
HOMEWORK SHEET #1


H.W. #1 - Read 3-16 – Native Americans Advanced
- Causation Essay - Explain why the onset of the Neolithic Revolution – especially corn cultivation – resulted in the rapid increase of population in the Americas.

H.W. #2 - Read 30-32 – Changes in Europe
- Continuity & Change Over Time Essay – (Use our discussion from class today to answer the following question) - Evaluate the statement: *By the eve of European conquest, Native Americans had constructed great civilizations.*

H.W. #3 Read 20-29 - Encounters
- Causation Essay - Evaluate the statement: *The Spanish conquest of the Americas should be referred to as the American Holocaust.*

H.W. #4 Read 30-32, 41-49, 54-58 – Spanish Conquest
- Comparison Essay - Evaluate the statement: *The British, French, Dutch, and English goals of exploration and settlement were different however they were also very similar.*

H.W. #5 Read 32-34, 56-62 – Jamestown Settlement

H.W. #6 Read 34-40, 65-70, 76-77 – Puritan New England
- Short Essay Question – Answer a, b, & c only in the space provided.
  a. Briefly explain ONE important similarity between the British colonies in the Chesapeake Region and the British colonies in New England during the seventeenth century.
  b. Briefly explain ONE important difference between the British colonies in the Chesapeake Region and the British colonies in New England during the seventeenth century.
  c. Briefly explain one factor that accounts for the difference you indicated in (b).

H.W. #7 Read 42-45, 56-58, 71-75 – Middle Colonies
- Comparison Essay - Write a well thesis statement - *Compare and contrast the settlement in the Middle Colonies with those settlements in New England and the South.*
H.W. #8 Read Chapter 6 – Review Seminar

- Review the questions below in preparation for our in class seminar. Prepare answers to 3 of the questions, so you are ready to participate. Take notes, make bullet points, whatever you need to do. DO NOT WRITE AN ESSAY!!

  o Colonizing Patterns
    - Which European nation had the greatest impact on Native American societies between the 15th century and 1754?
    - What factors impacted the economic development of the colonial regions?
    - What were the push and pull factors that drove migration and population changes in the colonies?
    - How did slavery in the British colonies differ from slavery in the Spanish and Dutch colonies?
    - What factors most shaped the development of the colonial Chesapeake region?
    - What factors most shaped the development of the New England colonies?
    - What factors impacted the political and social development of the colonial regions?
    - What were the causes and consequences of Bacon's Rebellion and King Philip's War?
    - In what ways were the two conflicts similar or different?
    - What dates or events marked important shifts in colonial religious history?
    - How and why did the labor force in the colonies change over time?

  o Native American Societies Pre-1607 and European Exploration
    - What were the political, social, and economic characteristics of Native American societies in the pre-1607 period?
    - How were Native American societies impacted by the geographical environment around them?
    - What was the driving force behind Spain's desire to conquer and colonize the Americas?
    - How did the cultures of the Europeans, Africans, and Native Americans change as they came into contact?
    - How did religious changes in Europe affect European expansion into the Americas?
    - What impact did the Columbian exchange have on both sides of the Atlantic? Who were the winners and losers of the exchange?
    - Why was England slow to become involved in exploration and colonization?
    - To what extent did Europeans, Africans, and Native Americans accept, resist, or accommodate the changes taking place?
    - How is Howard Zinn's perspective different from those of previous historians?
    - How did technology and trade come together in the 16th century?
H.W. #9 Read 58-65 – Slave Society
- Causation Essay – Explain the reasons why slavery supplanted indentured servitude in the southern colonies and the benefits it brought to the region.

H.W. #10 Read 61-62, 63-64, 70-72, 75 – More Developed Society

H.W. #11 Read 74-75, 82-83 – Democracy in Colonial America
- Continuity & Change Over Time Essay – How was Colonial America becoming more of a class society in the late 1700s. Explain whether it was getting better or worse.

H.W. #12 Read 85-89 – Great Awakening
- Causation Essay – Analyze the impact of the Great Awakening on colonial North America between 1620 and 1776.

H.W. #13 Read 89-90, 92-96 – French & Indian War

H.W. #14 Read 96-109 – Colonial Rebellion

H.W. #15 Read Sample Essays On Website or Handed Out in Class – Peer Edit
1. Read Essay 1B (Pages 5-7) and Essay 1C (Pages 8-13) of the handout given out in class or on the PDF File on the website called: French & Indian War Essay 2004.
2. Use the Rubric and GIVE EACH ESSAY A GRADE. Be able to explain why you gave the essay the points for each category.

H.W. #16 Read 100-109 – British Colonial Policies
- Causation Essay – The British policies both united and divided American colonists.

H.W. #17 Read 116-118 – Declaration for All 1
- Periodization Essay – American Independence was declared on paper only after it was established in fact.

H.W. #18 – Declaration for All 2
1. Read the text of the Declaration of Independence online at the following link: http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration_transcript.html
2. Explain the main ideas of the preamble.
3. Explain the purpose of the grievances listed.
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H.W. #19 Read 118-129 – Revolutionary War
- Short Essay Question - Answer a, b, & c only in the space provided.
  a. Briefly explain one of the following reasons for the United States' victory in the Revolutionary War.
     - Political Reason
     - Diplomatic Reason
     - Military Reason
  b. Provide one piece of historical evidence that supports your explanation in (a).
  c. Provide specific historical evidence that explains why ONE of the other reasons is less convincing as a reason why the United States won the Revolutionary War.

H.W. #20 Read 131-135 – Critical Thinking

H.W. #21 Read 118-129 – American Revolution Revolutionary
1. Read the documents given out in class and that are posted on the website: Minority Rights in the Republic, Justifying Slavery in the Republic, & Woman’s Place in the Republic.
2. Using Bloom’s Taxonomy, develop 2 higher order thinking questions for each document for an in-class discussion. Write down your 6 questions on a separate sheet of paper to be collected.

H.W. #22
- Self Evaluation

H.W. #23 Read 129-131, 135- 137, 144-145 – Articles of Confederation
- Causation Essay – Analyze how the ideas and experiences of the revolutionary period influenced the principles embodied in the Articles of Confederation.

H.W. #24 Read 145-149 – Constitutional Convention
1. NOT AN ESSAY - Explain how the Virginia and New Jersey Plans helped shape the US Constitution.

H.W. #25 Read 149-153 – Ratification
- Causation Essay – Analyze the reasons for the Anti-Federalists opposition to ratifying the Constitution.

H.W. #26 Read A3-A8 – Constitution
1. Read Federalist Paper #51 on the website at http://www.constitution.org/fed/federa51.htm (also linked to the class website).
2. Using the argument in Federalist #51, and the text of the actual Constitution, answer the following question (Not an Essay): Does the Constitution account for all the possible interests in American society and protect them equally?
H.W. #27 Read 153-158 – Hamilton’s Domestic Plans
- Short Essay Question - Answer a, b, & c only in the space provided.
  a. Briefly describe ONE way the US Constitution was radically different from the Articles of Confederation.
  b. Briefly explain ONE way the US Constitution was not radically different from the Articles of Confederation.
  c. Many historians claim that the US Constitution represents an economic and ideological victory for the traditional political elite of the time (1781-1789). Using evidence from the document, briefly assess the validity of this statement.

H.W. #28 Read 158-163 – Washington’s Neutrality

H.W. #29 Read 163-166 – Alien & Sedition Acts
- Causation Essay – Although the powers of the national government increased during the early republic, this development often faced serious opposition. Compare the motives and effectiveness of those opposed to growing power of the national government in the Whiskey Rebellion (1794), and the Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions (1798-1799).

H.W. #30 Read Chapter 6 – Jefferson
- Periodization Essay – Analyze the extent the election of 1800 was aptly named the Revolution of 1800. Compare two of the following areas with the time period directly before the election: Economics, Foreign Policy, Judiciary, Politics

H.W. #31 Read 196-206 – War of 1812
- Short Essay Question - Answer a, b, & c only in the space provided.
  o The War of 1812, was one of America’s worst fought wars, however, the outcome inspired nationalism not seen since the end of the American Revolution.
    a. Briefly explain ONE reason why the cause of the failure was due to the military.
    b. Briefly explain ONE reason why the cause of the failure was due to the political disunity over the war’s purpose.
    c. Explain why the outcome of the war led to a revival of American nationalism.