

Reading Questions for Ch. 1-4 due by July 16; Ch. 5+6 due first day of school

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Chapter 1: New World Beginning

The Shaping of North America

What is the evidence that Pangea was the original continent that existed?

How did the Ice Age create the American Landscape?

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Peopling the Americas

Describe how the first Americans arrived in North America. How long did the migration last?

Explain the factors that led to the sophisticated civilizations on the Incas and the Aztecs.

The Earliest Americans

Describe the effect of the cultivation of maize (corn) on different Native American societies.

Identify and describe the different Native American Societies. What accounted for the different rates of their development?

- a. Pueblos -
- b. Iroquois -
- c. Cahokia -
- d. Southeast Atlantic -

Describe **the 3-sister farming** system.

Indirect Discoverers of the New World

How are the Crusaders who traveled to the Middle East considered to be discoverers of America (indirectly)?

Europeans Enter Africa

What impact did the **caravel** have on European exploration?

How did the Portuguese use the early slave system that originated in Africa?

Why is the uniting of Spain said to be "pregnant with destiny"?

What changes stimulated Europeans to look toward new lands?

Columbus Comes Upon a New World

What did Columbus hope to achieve through his voyages, and what did he actually accomplish?

When Worlds Collide

Explain the Colombian Exchange. What were the major crops that were brought back to Europe? What impact did horses have on America? What was the most significant result of the Columbian exchange?

The Conquest of Mexico and Peru

What was the result of the “treaty of Tordesillas”?

Describe the *encomienda* system.

Explain the events and the outcomes of the major conflicts between Native Americans and the conquistadores.

- Noche Triste
- Battle of Acoma
- Pope’s Rebellion

Describe the geographic boundaries of the Spanish Empire by 1700.

Why is the "Black Legend" false? (to properly answer this questions, you must first identify what the Black Legend is)

Chapter 2: The Planting of English America (1500-1733)

Name the 3 European powers who had established a presence on the North American continent by the early 17th century (and where they established their outposts):

- a.
- b.
- c.

England's Imperial Stirrings

Explain how the Protestant Reformation intensified England's conflict with Spain:

Describe the relationship between Ireland and Spain in the late 16th century:

In what ways did the British respond to the Irish uprising?

- What attitude developed amongst the English soldiers as a result of their fighting in Ireland?

Elizabeth Energizes England

What two goals did the English buccaneers (privateers) have?

- i.
- ii.

Describe the events of the Spanish Armada's attack on English ships?

Describe the impact of the Spanish Armada's defeat on:

- Spain's colonial holdings:
- Emboldening English naval supremacy:

In what specific ways did English nationalism bloom after as a result of the defeat of the Armada?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

England on the Eve of Empire

Describe the social and economic changes occurring in England in the late 1500s/early 1600s that prompted farmers to leave their lands?

- What was the impact of the changing laws of *primogeniture* ?
- What opportunities did *joint-stock companies* offer to adventurers?

English colonization of the New World was a product of a number of key factors:

- The opportunity for colonization was created by:
- The workers for the new world were created by:
- The motives for colonization were inspired by:
- The financial means for colonization were provided by:

England Plants the Jamestown Seedling

What were the dual motives for the Virginia Company of London?

What pressure was placed on the colonists as a result of the joint-stock arrangement?

What did the Virginia Company charter guarantee to the colonists?

- What would this guarantee ultimately lead to 150 years later?
- What were the advantages/disadvantages of the location chosen by the 3 ships sent by the Virginia Company?

Describe the struggles endured by the Jamestown colonists in the first few years of the colony (1606-09)?

What specific role did John Smith play in the earliest years of Jamestown?

Describe the dire circumstances faced by the colonists during the “starving time” (1609-10)?

- What actions did the colonists take as a result of the “starving time”?
- What role did Governor Lord De La Warr in stabilizing the conditions at Jamestown?

Cultural Clashes in the Chesapeake

Describe the relationship between the Powhatans and the colonists that ultimately led to the *First Anglo-Powhatan War*:

For what reason did the Indians break the peace 8 years after the end of the war?

What was the Indians’ goal in the *Second Anglo-Powhatan War*?

- What did the Peace Treaty of 1646 achieve?

Describe how each of the 3 *D*’s led to the demise of the Powhatans:

- Disease:
- Disorganization:
- Disposability:

The Indians’ New World

Describe how introduction of the following aspects impacted into Native American life:

- Horses:
- Disease:
- Trade:

In what ways did Indians along the Atlantic seaboard respond differently to European contact than Indians further inland?

Virginia: Child of Tobacco

Describe the “tobacco rush” created by John Rolfe’s successful efforts to perfect tobacco cultivation:

What were the harmful effects of growing tobacco?

- a.
- b.
- c.

1619 is a monumental year in U.S. history because of the introduction of the first women to Jamestown ... identify (and thoroughly) describe the other two momentous additions introduced that same year.

- a.
- b.

By the mid-1620's, for what reasons did King James I grow hostile towards Virginia (and what actions did he take against the colony?)

Maryland: Catholic Haven

What were Lord Baltimore's motives in founding Maryland?

In what ways did Maryland's commerce and labor force resemble Virginia?

Describe how the influx Protestant into Maryland led to the *Act of Toleration*:

- What did the *Act of Toleration* guarantee/not guarantee?

The West Indies: Way Station to Mainland America

In what ways did sugar production in the Caribbean differ from tobacco production in the colonies?

For what reasons did English authorities in the West Indies create slave "codes"?

- In what ways did the *Barbados Slave Codes* limit the rights of the slaves?

In what ways can the West Indies be viewed as the "testing ground" for the slave system in America?

Colonizing the Carolinas

Who were the founders of the Carolina colony and what were their goals?

Describe the relationship between Carolina and the sugar islands of the West Indies (i.e. what influence did the West Indies have on the development of Carolina?)

Describe the relationship between the Carolinians and Native Americans in the colony

For what reason did Carolinians view African slaves seen as the best laborers for rice cultivation?

Describe the make-up of Charles Town (later called "Charleston"):

The Emergence of North Carolina

For what reason was North Carolina described as "the quintessence of Virginia's discontent"?

Describe the distinctive traits that developed amongst the "rag tag" colonists in North Carolina?

- In what specific ways did North Carolina resemble Rhode Island?

The Buffer Colony

In what ways was Georgia colonized to serve as a buffer?

What were the goals of the philanthropists who founded Georgia?

- a.
- b.
- c.

For what reason did the plantation economy fail to strongly take root in Georgia?

The Plantation Colonies

What similarities existed between the southern mainland colonies (Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia)?

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Chapter 3 – Settling the Northern Colonies (1619-1700)

What were the primary differences in the reasons why settlers went either to the southern colonies or northern colonies?

The Protestant Reformation Produces Puritanism

Describe the basic doctrine of *Calvinism*:

Describe the relationship between *predestination* and *conversion*:

For what reason were the most devout Puritans critical of the Church of England?

What fear did King James I (the political and religious leader of England) have regarding religious dissenters (like Puritans)?

The Pilgrims End their Pilgrimage at Plymouth

For what reasons did the Separatists (who had originally fled England for Holland) ultimately decide to leave Holland?

Despite the fact that the Mayflower Compact was not a constitution, how was it an important document?

The Bay Colony Bible Commonwealth

- Once in the New World, what did the Puritans claim that they were separating from (and not separating from)?

What talents did John Winthrop bring to Massachusetts Bay as its longtime leader?

Describe what Winthrop meant when he declared that the Mass Bay colony would be “as a city upon a hill”:

Building the Bay Colony

Discuss the relationship between religion and politics in Mass Bay (that is, in what way did church membership influence political participation)?

Describe the power that religious leaders wielded in the “Bible Commonwealth”:

Describe the limited ways in which there was a separation of church and state in Mass Bay:

Despite their legendary “Protestant ethic” of hard work, what simple pleasures did the bay colonists enjoy?

Trouble in the Bible Commonwealth

For what reason were Quakers persecuted and how specifically were they mistreated?

Describe Ann Hutchinson's belief of *antinomianism*:

- What heretical claim did Hutchinson make during her trial?

Discuss Roger Williams' specific disagreements with Puritan leaders:

- a.
- b.
- c.

For what official reason was Williams ultimately banished from the Bay Colony?

The Rhode Island "Sewer"

Describe the religious character of Williams' Providence (What was permitted? What was not permitted?)

New England Spreads Out

Describe the significance of the *Fundamental Orders* of Connecticut:

Puritans Versus Indians

Describe the condition of the Indians in the Plymouth region when the Pilgrims arrived in 1620:

Discuss the early relationship between the English settlers and the Wampanoag tribe:

For what reasons did hostilities emerge between the colonists and Indians?

- Describe the brutality inflicted by the colonists during the *Pequot War*:

To what extent did the Puritans undertake an effort to convert the Indians to Christianity?

Describe the efforts of Metacom (aka King Philip) to resist the colonists:

- What the impact of *King Philip's War* on the Indians?

Seeds of Colonial Independence and Unity

What were the multiple purposes of the New England Confederation?

- a.
- b.
- c.

In what ways was the creation of the Confederation a historic effort?

Describe how Charles II's treatment of the colonies contrasted to previous royal oversight of the colonists?

In what ways was the *Dominion of New England* designed to reinforce the English Navigation Laws?

- What specific steps did Sir Edmund Andros take to repress colonists' rights?
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- What world event prompted the colonists to overthrow Andros and the Dominion of New England?
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In what ways did the Glorious Revolution inspire change in the colonies?

Despite some increasingly relaxed conditions of royal oversight, what changes did Charles II create in the colonies?

Old Netherlanders at New Netherland

What was the intended purpose of the New Netherland (as established by the Dutch West India Company)?

- Describe the character of New Amsterdam (particularly what was allowed/not allowed):

Penn's Holy Experiment in Pennsylvania

What major objections did the Quakers have to the prevailing religious and political authority?

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Pennsylvania was the best advertised of all the colonies ... what benefits did it have to offer to potential immigrants?

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Describe the relationship between Quakers and Native Americans in Pennsylvania:

Identify the liberal policies of Pennsylvania:

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What types of immigrants were attracted to Pennsylvania?

The Middle Way in the Middle Colonies

Describe the characteristics that the middle colonies (NY, NJ, DE and PA) generally shared with each other:

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In what ways were the Middle Colonies distinctly different from both New England and the Southern colonies?

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Chapter 4 – American Life in the Seventeenth Century (1607-1692)

The Unhealthy Chesapeake

What conditions in the Chesapeake severely decreased life expectancy of immigrants to that region?

Describe the demographics of the region (i.e. what type of immigrant settled there?)

Describe the conditions that limited the existence (and growth) of families in the Chesapeake:

For what reasons were the Chesapeake settlers ultimately able to withstand many of these hardships and become an integral part of the colonies?

The Tobacco Economy

In what ways did Chesapeake tobacco growers respond to falling prices of their crop?

Describe the reasons why *indentured servitude* made the most sense for tobacco cultivation (make sure to address why other possible laborers were deemed inappropriate for this effort):

- Describe the “deal” that indentured servants received as part of the agreement to work in colonial America .

Discuss how the *headright system* ultimately led to the growth of large plantations in the Chesapeake:

Identify the differences between what indentured servants were supposed to receive and the reality of what they did receive:

Frustrated Freeman and Bacon's Rebellion

What were the primary frustrations of many former indentured servants who accumulated in the Chesapeake region once their indenture was complete?

- What was the response of the political establishment to the impoverished freemen?

Describe the specific complaints of the frontiersmen who came together under the leadership of Nathaniel Bacon (i.e. for what reasons were they so upset with Virginia Governor Berkeley?)

- What actions did Bacon and his men take against Berkeley?
- To what extent were Bacon and his men successful?
- What main tensions were highlighted by Bacon's Rebellion?
- Describe the relationship between Bacon's Rebellion and the end of white indentured servants as tobacco laborers:

Colonial Slavery

For what reason were African slaves not preferred for the most half century of colonial life in the Chesapeake?

Describe the process through which most African slaves came to the colonies (make sure to discuss the role of the *middle passage*):

Discuss the changing legal developments created to deny rights to black slaves:

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| a. | c. |
| b. | d. |

Southern Society

Identify the different layers of the Southern hierarchy and describe what characterized each layer

Top layer:

Second layer:

Third layer:

Fourth layer:

Bottom layer:

The New England Family

Identify the climatic conditions that allowed New Englanders to enjoy an average 70-year life expectancy:

In what ways were the type of immigrants who settled in New England different from those in the Chesapeake?

Describe the marriage and family-development patterns of settlers in New England:

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In what ways did the more severe living conditions in the South actually lead to more economic independence for Southern women?

In what ways did Puritan lawmakers limit New England women's economic rights?

- In what ways did Puritan lawmakers both limit and grant New England women social rights?
- In what ways did Puritan legal and cultural customs protect the institution of marriage?

Life in the New England Towns

Describe the factors that allowed for the creation of tight knit New England villages:

- Identify the main features of a New England town:
- Discuss the importance of education in New England towns:
- Describe the role of *town meetings* in the governance of each New England community:

The Half-Way Covenant and the Salem Witch Trials

What factors caused Puritan leaders to be concerned about the waning piety of New Englanders in the mid-1600s?

For what reason did ministers announce the *Half-Way Covenant* and what specifically did the covenant allow for?

Describe the events that took place in Salem, MA ...

- What prompted the witchcraft paranoia?
- Who were the accusers? Who were the accused?
- What did the witch trials ultimately reflect about New England society?

The New England Way of Life

Describe the relationship between New England's rocky soil and the commerce that emerged in the region:

In what ways did New England's unique soil and climate discourage slavery?

In what ways did English and Native American philosophies on land ownership differ (and how did specific actions taken by the English this create conflict between the two groups?)

In what specific commercial ventures were New Englanders most successful?

What specific impact did New Englanders have on shaping the rest of the nation?

The Early Settlers' Days and Ways

Describe the life of the typical American colonist:

- What was the traditional division of labor between colonial men and women?
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- In what ways was American colonial life actually pretty abundant (compared to European standards at the time)?
- From what part of European society did the majority of immigrants to the colonies come?
- In what specific instances did resentment against "upper class pretensions" emerge?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

Chapter 5: Colonial Society on the Eve of the Revolution (1700-1775)

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Conquest by the Cradle

Describe the colonial population explosion that occurred between 1700 and 1775 (make sure to explain what accounted for the majority of this “growth spurt”):

- What was the political impact of this significant population increase?

A Mingling of the Races

For what reasons did German immigrants leave Europe for America? Where did they mainly settle?

For what reason did the Scots-Irish leave Europe for America?

What part of the colonies did the Scots-Irish initially settle in and where did they ultimately end up?

- In what specific ways was the lifestyle of the Scots-Irish very different than the Germans?

Describe how the march of the *Paxton Boys* and the *Regulator Movement* reflected Scots-Irish resentment of authority and wealth:

In what ways did pan-African and pan-Indian communities emerge in colonial America?

Africans in America

Describe how life in the deepest South was particularly brutal for African slaves:

Describe the conditions in the Chesapeake region that made life for slaves somewhat easier:

In what ways did African slaves help create a distinctive slave culture (a mixture of African and American elements)?

What was the *Stono Rebellion* and did it reveal about white control of black slaves in the South?

The Structure of Colonial Society

Describe the specific characteristics of colonial society that (with the exception of slavery) made it a “shining land of equality and opportunity”:

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

In what ways did war contribute to an emerging stratification (i.e. class system) in late 17th century America?

Describe the result of shrinking unclaimed land in New England:

What steps did some state legislatures take in response to fears of black rebellion?

Clerics, Physicians and Jurists

Describe the prestige (as well as other key descriptive information) regarding the following three professions:

a. Ministers -

b. Doctors –

c. Lawyers –

Workaday America

Identify the main agricultural product(s) from:

a. Maryland and Virginia

b. Middle Colonies

Which additional industry was stimulated by New England's fishing (and whaling) industries?

Describe the movement of goods/people in the *triangular trade* system:

Describe the state of manufacturing in 17th century colonial America:

In what ways were colonial naval stores (i.e. supplies for building/maintaining wooden ships) important to Britain?

In what ways did colonists seek ways to make money by exporting goods to nations other than Britain?

- Describe the purpose of the *Molasses Act*:
- Describe how colonists responded to this British act:

Horsepower and Sailpower

Describe the many social functions of colonial taverns:

Dominant Denominations

In which colonies was the Church of England (the Anglican Church) the official faith?

- In what ways were the Church of England practices different from Puritan religious practice in the colonies?

The Great Awakening

Describe the dual burdens that plagued the Puritan churches:

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- What complaints did churchgoers have about Puritan religious customs?
 - Describe the changing beliefs that challenged old-time religion:

What specific message did Great Awakening preacher Jonathan Edwards preach?

What great gift did Great Awakening preacher George Whitefield possess?

- What message did Whitefield preach?

- What effect did Whitefield's preaching have on sinners who listened to him speak?

Describe the reaction of the *old lights* to the Great Awakening?

In what ways did the *new lights* defend the Great Awakening?

Identify the lasting effects of the Great Awakening:

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

Schools and Colleges

For what reason was education more valued in New England than anywhere else in the colonies?

- Describe education in the South (and why it was not as prevalent as in New England):

Describe the main purpose and education quality at colonial colleges:

A Provincial Culture

What was the purpose of Ben Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanack*?

Identify Ben Franklin's significant scientific contributions:

- a.
- b.
- c.

Pioneer Press

In the early 18th century, what was the major "news" role of colonial newspaper?

Zenger Trial

- What was John Peter Zenger accused of?
- What defense did Zenger give for his actions?
- What was the monumental significance of the jury's decision in this case?

The Great Game of Politics

Describe how the members of the upper house were selected in the 3 different types of colonies:

- Royal colonies:

- Proprietary colonies:
- Self-governing colonies:
- How were members of the lower house selected in all colonies?

What did colonists cherish as their most precious political privilege?

In what ways did colonial assemblies (legislatures) exert their authority and independence?

What type of local government was most powerful in the different regions?

- Southern colonies:
- New England:
- Middle colonies:
 - o What special civic opportunities did the New England town meeting offer to colonists?

Who amongst the colonists was able to vote in 18th century colonial America?

- What concerns did the wealthy express about allowing poorer Americans to vote?

By 1775, to what extent could America be considered truly a democracy?

Colonial Folkways

Describe the conditions in the average colonial home:

In what specific ways did Britain's American colonies show striking similarities?

Chapter 6: The Duel for North America

France Finds a Foothold in Canada

Describe the religious tension occurring in France in the late 16th century (make sure to discuss the impact of the *Edict of Nantes* played in reducing religious tension and in France's emergence as a world power):

Describe the efforts of Samuel de Champlain in developing "New France" in North America (make sure to discuss relations between the French and Native Americans):

Describe how French authorities ruled over "New France":

Describe the reasons why New France grew very slowly:

- i.
- ii.
- iii.

New France Fans Out

Describe the role of the beaver, *coreurs de bois* and *voyageurs* in the commercial and geographic expansion of New France:

Describe the impact of Jesuit missionaries in the development of New France:

What efforts did France make to keep its rival Spain from expanding its empire in North America?

The Clash of Empires

During King William's War and Queen Anne's War, for what reason did both France and England choose to wage a less organized, guerilla war against each other in North America?

In what ways did Native Americans aid the French cause?

George Washington Inaugurates War with France

For what reason was the Ohio Country viewed as critical by both the British and the French?

What factors influenced the British colonists to become fed up with bearing the burden of the empire?

Describe the specific actions taken by both British colonists and French in the Ohio Valley that led to George Washington's first emergence in the region:

What specific role did Washington play in the "starting" the French and Indian War?

Global War and Colonial Disunity

Describe the impact that the European conflict had on French efforts in North America:

For what reasons did the British government call for an intercolonial congress in Albany? (Make sure to discuss both the immediate and long-range goals of the congress).

Describe the reactions to Ben Franklin's plan for colonial self-rule by:

- Albany Congress delegates:
- Individual colonies:
- London government:

Braddock's Blundering and Its Aftermath

For what specific reasons did General Braddock's effort to defeat the French at Fort Duquesne proceed so poorly?

Describe the miscalculations of the British in their failed invasion of Canada:

Pitt's Palms of Victory

What specific steps did William Pitt, "The Great Organizer" take to bring stability and order to the British war effort?

What was the impact of the Battle of Quebec for the French?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

Restless Colonists

Describe the impact of the French and Indian War on the British colonists:

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

Identify the numerous tensions that erupted (and the reasons that they emerged) between the colonists and the British during the war:

What actions did colonists take that led British officials to believe that the colonists did not support the war (and consequently, did not support the British Empire)?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

Identify the factors that led to the intercolonial (i.e. “within the colonies”) disunity that persisted throughout the 1700s”

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.
- g.

In what specific ways did the French and Indian War actually increase colonial unity?

War's Fateful Aftermath

What impact did the absence of the French threat have on the colonists?

What was the status of the following groups in North America after the French and Indian War:

- Spanish:

- Native Americans:
 - o Describe the cause and impact of *Pontiac's uprising*:

- o Describe the British response to the uprising:

- What lesson did the British learn from the uprising?

What was the purpose of the *Proclamation of 1763*?

Describe how the colonists responded to the Proclamation of 1763 (make sure to discuss how the reaction reflected a new American vision about their destiny):