

AP United States History Summer Work 2011



English Colony at Jamestown, Virginia
1607

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Part I In your text, *Inventing America*, you are to read and take notes on chapters 1-3. This will cover the period of early exploration in the western hemisphere, the competition for empire, as well as the settlement of North America and the development of colonial society.

For each chapter you are expected to write TWO essays. Each essay should be typed and its length should be approximately two pages.

Chapter 1 Men Prone to Wonder pages 5-35

1. "With the dawn of the 16th century, there came together in Europe both the motivation and the means to explore and colonize territory across the seas."

Assess the validity of this statement with respect to (a) religion (b) trade and (c) technology.

2. "European colonists generally viewed the Native Americans as inferior people, who could be exploited for the benefit of the colonists."

Assess the validity of this statement.

Chapter 2 The European Settlement of North America pages 36-72

1. In what ways did the English colonies develop differently from the Spanish and the French colonies?
2. "From the beginning, the English colonies had democratic characteristics."

Assess the validity of this statement with reference to majority rule and representative government in Virginia and Massachusetts.

Chapter 3 Empires pages 73-104

1. Compare and contrast the English relationship and the French relationship with the Native Americans.
2. "Beginning with the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, the English government made a continuous effort to exercise control over its American colonies."

Give examples to prove this statement.