

## AP US History Summer Assignment 2024

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The purpose of this AP US summer assignment is to give you something of a foundation in early American history before you arrive in August. You will be better prepared to begin rigorous study of US history if you already know something about its beginnings. Also, this assignment will give you an opportunity to work with a college-level textbook, which you will be required to do throughout the course.

Both parts of this assignment are due August 19/20 (**first day** of class). In addition, you will be tested on the information in the first few weeks of school. You will be able to use these notes on the test, **as long as** you have a handwritten or printed copy. You will not be allowed to use a computer. All notes will be checked for plagiarism.

Part I. Read [The American Yawp - Ch. 1 Indigenous America](#), using the organizer below to take notes. For key terms, state the definition and briefly explain its significance. You should have 5-10 terms for each section (may have fewer for Introduction and Conclusion). Add space as needed to the organizer.

The American Yawp Notes	
Chapter 1. Indigenous America	
I. Introduction	
Key Ideas:	Key Terms:
II. The First Americans	
Key Ideas:	Key Terms:
III. European Expansion	
Key Ideas:	Key Terms:

IV. Spanish Exploration and Conquest	
Key Ideas:	Key Terms:
V. Conclusion	
Key Ideas	Key Terms

Part II. Use your notes to answer the following questions. Each response should answer the question in a substantive paragraph.

1. How did the different native societies in the Americas adapt to and change their environments? Consider agriculture, resource use, and social structure.
2. In what ways did European expansion into the Western Hemisphere generate change within European societies themselves?
3. How did the drive for empire-building among European nations determine their actions in the Western Hemisphere?
4. In what ways did European expansion into the Western Hemisphere generate change within native American societies?
5. What demographic, economic, and social changes resulted from the Columbian Exchange, in both the Americas and the Eastern Hemisphere?
6. What demographic, economic, and social changes resulted from the development of the Spanish Empire in the Americas?
7. How did the slave trade begin to develop in the Western Hemisphere?
8. In what ways did the worldviews of Europeans and Native Americans differ regarding such issues as religion, gender roles, family, land use, and power?