



BALLSTON SPA HIGH SCHOOL
2018 AP/CHS American History Summer Assignment

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Date Submitted

Task # 1 Notes: Time Period #1 1491-1607 [Separate Handout]

Your first task is to get acquainted with our class website. You will be given a hard copy of all class notes organized into Time Periods and presented in modules. Your job is to complete the Time Period #1 notes using the links and resources presented on our class webpages.

Task # 2 Cover Page Biographies

All of our class notes come with a cover page that presents a visual preview of the 12 individual or groups who will be used to help tell the larger story of the new republics struggle to define and extend democratic ideals in the face of rapid economic, territorial, and demographic changes. Your job is Provide a brief biographical summary for each individual or groups featured on the cover page.

Task #3 Audio Podcast: '1491' Explores the Americas before Columbus (8:35)

The increasing popularity of digital audio allows students to consume content on demand anytime, anywhere. I have organized a collection of audio podcast for each of the 9 historical time periods we will cover in AP/CHS United States History. Most podcasts are 8-12 minutes long and contain interviews with preeminent historians. Your job is to provide a 50-75 word summary of the podcast and identify 5 facts quotes or anecdotes from the content.

Task #4 Dialectical Journal: The Columbian Exchange by Alfred Crosby

Dialectical journals are a college level note-taking method that forces you as a reader to engage in an ongoing conversation with the text. Dialectical journals are organized in a two column format where each side contains a specific function. Most journals are between 15 and 20 paragraphs and provided an excellent opportunity to think deeply about the content while weaving together content drawn from notes, podcasts and videos you are exposed to in class.

Task #5 Document Analysis

Throughout the year you will work on historical thinking skills by assessing your ability to analyze historical documents and to write essays based on the provided sources. At the advanced level you will be required to offer an extended analysis of documents and craft a coherent essay from the evidence provided. For this task you will be required to analyze seven documents using the format outlined

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Prince Henry The Navigator

Cristoforo Colombo

Montezuma II

La Malinche

Hernan Cortez

Bartolomé de Las Casas

Juan de Sepúlveda

Coureur des bois

Adrian Vanderdonk

Queen Elizabeth I

Sir Walter Raleigh

John Smith

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Task #5 Document Analysis: European Exploration and Colonization

Prompt: Analyze the changes in the political structure and social fabric in Western Hemisphere in the 15th and 16th centuries triggered by the arrival of Spanish explorers.

Document #1	
Historical Context:	Point of View:
	Purpose/Value:
Outside Information:	
Document #2	
Historical Context:	Point of View:
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