

Welcome to AP US History. This course consists of nine (9) units of study. The number of chapters from the textbook, **The American Pageant**, varies from unit to unit. Unit I consists of 3 chapters while later units can consist of as many as 6 to 7 chapters. Each unit will end with a two-day exam. Day one is always a reading test. ***I will select any FOUR (4) of the questions randomly and you will answer these questions cold-no notes- on the reading test.*** If you have prepared ahead of time and answered the questions, no problem! Respect the process!

The Unit I Reading test is scheduled for Monday September 20, 2021.

You are to read each chapter and complete the assigned questions for each chapter. Your responses must be at least 3 paragraphs long and contain copious amounts of detail to support your response. You are encouraged to use statistics and data to support your responses when relevant.

Chapter 1

1. Analyze how native populations in the Americas developed distinct and complex socioeconomic structures by adapting and transforming their environments through innovations in agriculture, use of resources and social structure
2. Analyze the positive and negative effects of the “Columbian Exchange.”

3. What was the “Encomienda system” and how did it shape Spanish colonial society and economy?

Chapter 2

4. Analyze how improvements in transportation technology and methods for conducting trade, such as joint-stock companies, help drive changes to the economies in Europe and the Americas.

5. Contrast the economic and colonization goals of the Spanish, French, Dutch and British involving commerce, land use and relations with Native peoples in their respective colonies.

Chapter 3

6. Explain why the plantation systems of the Chesapeake (Virginia and Maryland), the southernmost Atlantic coast and the West Indies had large numbers of enslaved workers from West Africa.

7. Contrast the settlement patterns (people, living arrangements, reasons for settling in America) each of the following colonial regions:

- a. New England colonies
- b. Middle colonies
- c. Chesapeake colonies
- d. Carolina colonies

8. Explain how the British Government attempted to incorporate its North American colonies into its Mercantilist economic system.