

## **APUSH/Rodgers: SUMMER ASSIGNMENT**

The American Pageant Chapters 1-6

Guiding Questions: Write responses to these GQs. You may type the responses to make sure you provide thorough and thoughtful answers!!!

### **Chapter 1: New World Beginnings**

1. What caused Europeans to begin exploring?
2. Describe the commerce the Portuguese established in Africa.
3. Describe the environmental impact of the “collision” of the two worlds.
4. Connect the Spanish Conquistadores and capitalism.
5. Describe the “Black Legend.” Was this an accurate depiction of Spanish activity in the new world?

### **Chapter 2: The Planting of English America**

1. Explain why England was slow to enter the colonization race and what factors finally led it to launch colonies in the early seventeenth century.
2. Describe the development of the Jamestown colony from its disastrous beginnings to its later prosperity.
3. Describe the cultural and social interaction and exchange between English settlers and Indians in Virginia and the effects of the Virginians’ policy of warfare and forced removal on Indians and whites.
4. Compare the tobacco-based economic development of Virginia and Maryland with South Carolina’s reliance on large-plantation rice-growing and African slavery based on West Indian models.
5. Identify the major similarities and differences among the southern colonies of Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

### **Chapter 3: Settling the Northern Colonies**

1. Describe the Puritans and their beliefs, and explain why they left England for the New World.
2. Explain how the Puritans' theology shaped the government and society of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
3. Explain how Massachusetts Bay's conflict with religious dissenters, as well as new economic opportunities, led to the expansion of New England into Rhode Island, Connecticut, and elsewhere.
4. Describe the conflict between colonists and Indians in New England and the effects of King Philip's War.
5. Summarize early New England attempts at intercolonial unity and the consequences of England's Glorious Revolution in America.
6. Describe the founding of New York and Pennsylvania, and explain why these two settlements as well as the other middle colonies became so ethnically, religiously, and politically diverse.
7. Describe the central features of the middle colonies, and explain how they differed from New England and the southern colonies.

### **Chapter 4: American Life in the Seventeenth Century**

1. How did the factors of population, economics, disease, and climate shape the basic social conditions and ways of life of early Americans in both the South and New England?
2. What was the underlying cause of the expansion of African slavery in English North America?
3. Could the colonies "labor problem" have been solved without slavery?
4. How did African Americans develop a culture that combined African and American elements? What were some of the features of that culture?
5. How did the numbers and condition of women affect family life and society in New England, among southern whites, and among African American slaves? Compare and contrast the typical family conditions and ways of life among various members of these three groups.

6. How did the harsh climate and soil, stern religion and tightly knit New England town shape the “Yankee character?”
7. Compare the conditions of seventeenth century social, economic and religious life in New England and the Chesapeake region.
8. How did the Salem witch episode reflect the tensions and changes in seventeenth century New England life and thought?
9. In what ways did the English and Africans who came to America in the seventeenth century have to shape their society and way of life to fit the conditions they faced in the New World?

### **Chapter 5: Colonial Society on the Eve of the Revolution**

1. Explain how America seemed like a “shining land of equality and opportunity” compared to Europe.
2. Describe how the structure of colonial society differed in the northern and southern colonies.
3. Explain how the economies of the southern, middle and New England colonies differed.
4. What were the dominant churches in America in 1775?
5. What was The Great Awakening and what transformative role did it play in American society?
6. What was the greatest influence on American culture? Provide examples.
7. Describe the significance of Benjamin Franklin.
8. Who was John Peter Zenger and what event makes him a memorable figure in the American historical narrative?
9. What were the significant contributions American colonists made to political science by 1775?
10. How does the text describe the “striking similarities” in colonial America?
11. Do you believe that colonial society was close-knit and homogenous or a place where inequalities were eroding the social order?

## **Chapter 6: The Duel for North America**

1. Describe the “clash of empires” that was heating up in North America in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century.
2. Explain the tension surrounding the land of the Ohio Valley between the French and the British.
3. What role did George Washington play in the conflict?
4. Who won the French and Indian War? What was the significance of that victory for the colonists? For the British? For the French?
5. Was the Proclamation of 1763 a game changer? Explain.