

## **AP United States History Summer Reading Assignment**

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**Directions:** Choose two of the assigned articles to read and analyze. Then, for each article that you read, answer the following questions. Bring your completed assignments to your AP United States History class on the first day of school. During the first week of class, you will complete a writing assignment based on the summer reading.

1. Who is the author? What are his/her academic credentials?  
(You will often find this information about the author on the first or last page of the journal article)
  
2. When was the text written?
  
3. Who is the intended audience (scholars, students, or the general public)?
  
4. What is the author's main argument or thesis?
  
5. How does the author defend his/her thesis? Does the author use primary sources as evidence to support his/her thesis?
  
6. What does this article teach you about the Pre-Columbian and/or Colonial Era?  
(Note: your response to this question should be at least a paragraph)