

**AP United States History**

**Summer Reading Assignment**

***Directions: Choose 2 of the assigned articles to read and analyze. Then, answer the following questions for each of the 2 articles. Bring your responses to AP United States History on the first day of class, because you will complete a writing assignment based on your 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*)