

Welcome to AP United States History. The following is a required summer research project that is due on the first full day of class. I must have an electronic copy. Its purpose is to cover important matter in more detail than the schedule during the year allows me to cover. This material will also be on the first formal assessment.

### **Purpose**

- To understand that many people, even “enemies” and seemingly small and unimportant people, play vital roles in major movements and the establishment of new institutions.
- The main subject matter purpose of this research paper is to cover important material in more detail than the schedule during the year allows me to cover.
- Another purpose is to allow me to understand at what level each student is in their research ability.
- A further purpose is allowing me to understand each students writing ability.

***Additionally, there will a be a Free Response Question based on your Native American Research on the first week of class that will count as an assessment grade.***

### **Prompt**

*You will research and provide a summary of your research based on the following prompt:*

Compare and contrast 3 specific pre-Columbian Native American societies. Each specific “tribe” or society you choose must be from a different region of North America; i.e. societies that generally made their homes in either the southeastern, northeastern, southwestern or central part of North America. Your analysis must be focused on the societies as they existed prior to first contact with Europeans and must be still in existence upon first contact with Europeans (1492). Your analysis must include, but is not limited to, at least three (3) of the following categories: social issues, political issues, economic and trade issues, religious issues, relationships with other Native American societies, and technological issues.

### **General Instructions**

- Your final product can be in the form of a chart, bullet points, keynotes, a photo album, a brochure, a pamphlet or an essay.
- Your final work product must be your own work.
- **THERE IS NO WORD MINIMUM.**
- You provide a bibliography for your sources.

**IT IS DUE ON THE FIRST FULL DAY OF CLASSES.**

The electronic copy must be in my email by 8:00 am on the first full day of classes. My email address is [droe@sagemont.com](mailto:droe@sagemont.com)

### Sources

So long as they are properly cited and reasonably legitimate, any source is useable. This includes, but is not limited to, internet, books, magazines, movies, documentaries, Native American web sites, visits to Native American Reservations, interviews with Native American

- You may contact me through email with questions.
- You may share resources with each other.
- You may/should contact the “headquarters” of the present-day government of your Native American society and get information from them including interviewing individuals. If you can, travel to different Native American Reservations