

Summer Work – 2017

**Advanced Placement World History
Summer Assignments**

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Hello!

Before any discussion on the summer assignment, I would first like to congratulate you on taking on AP World History and challenging yourself to reach higher levels of excellence!

The purpose of summer work is to simply engage you in world historical reading and analysis so that you will have a solid foundation of skills and expectations prior to the first day of class in August. If you haven't realized it yet, you will be doing an astonishing amount of work in preparation for the May 2018 AP World History Exam. This begins NOW. That is, your summer prep and reading begins your quest for a "5" on the AP World Exam!!!

THIS PAPER WILL BE DUE THE TUESDAY AFTER LABOR DAY

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Assignment: Analyze and determine the validity of the following thesis statement.

Thesis Statement: **Before the arrival of Christopher Columbus in 1492, one group, either the Carthaginians, Chinese, Polynesians, or Vikings, came to North or South America and had meaningful contact with its inhabitants.**

Analyze the following groups to determine who had the opportunities to be in America before the arrival of Columbus. When you research these groups, you may use the internet for your research. I will only accept sources from educational institutions like universities or professional organizations specific to each group. For each source that you use, you will need to include a summary and assessment of that source in your annotated bibliography. I highly encourage using your public library as another resource. A minimum of eight sources will be needed, which translates to at least two per group.

- ❖ Carthaginians
- ❖ Chinese
- ❖ Polynesians
- ❖ Vikings

Introduction

Use the thesis statement from above to build the rest of your introduction. Include your supporting details within the rest of your introductory paragraph. This paragraph must lay the foundation of the rest of your paper.

Body of Essay

Using Blooms Taxonomy of critical thinking skills, the body of your essay will be based on the following information.

- ❖ **Provide** a location from where these groups come from.
 - Provide a written account detailing the location where each of the four groups will come from and their distance to the Americas. Be sure to include any geographic challenges they could have faced coming to North/South America.
- ❖ **Describe** the possible connections these groups had with the America's before the arrival of Columbus.
 - Describe the stories out there that connect each group to America before the arrival of Columbus. Describe the locations and time period involved.
- ❖ **Determine** which stories of these groups are more plausible than other stories.
 - Determine, through your studies, which of the four groups had a higher probability of being here before Columbus. Please include your explanation for how you rated each of the four different groups.
- ❖ **Analyze** the sources of information that you researched for any type of bias that would affect the plausibly.
- ❖ **Produce** the evidence that lends your support to one of these groups in comparison to the others.
 - Now, produce the evidence for the group you rated highest probability of coming to the Americas before Columbus.
- ❖ **Evaluate** the short and/or long terms effects that group had on America and its people.
 - Evaluate the positive/negative consequences of your groups contact with the people they met up in America with over time.

Conclusion – Restate the thesis being specific to either of the four choices or none that you support.

Paper Structure

DO NOT ASK HOW LONG THE PAPER MUST BE. You will determine this on your own through your work and completing what was asked of you.

Font: Times New Roman

Size: 12

Spacing: Double Spaced

Paragraph Formatting

Annotated Bibliography - An alphabetical list plus a summary and assessment of ALL the sources you consulted.

Works Cited Page - An alphabetical list of ONLY the sources you CITED/USED in your paper.

Cite sources in APA formatting. The following sites have information regarding proper citing using APA formatting.

<https://www.library.cornell.edu/resrch/citmanage/apa>

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>