

Early Americans

U.S. History Test

Instructions: Answer FIVE of the following.

1. Compare and contrast the culture and lifestyles of Native Americans, West Africans, and Europeans in 1492. Use at least three categories, such as family life, religion, government, etc., in your answer.
2. Beginning with Columbus, describe early Spanish exploration, conquest, and settlement in the New World.
3. Describe the first years of the Jamestown settlement from 1607 to 1619. Focus on the roles of John Smith, Pocahontas, and John Rolfe. What was the significance of the area that is now Richmond? What three important events occurred in 1619?
4. Discuss Bacon's Rebellion. What were the causes of the rebellion? What happened? Was it successful? What were the results of the rebellion?
5. Describe the early years of the Plymouth Colony. Who were the early settlers and why did they come here? What were their experiences before they came here? What kind of society did they build for themselves? What was their religion, lifestyle, government? Did they get along with the Native Americans?
6. Describe the economic theory of mercantilism. Discuss the effects it had on the English colonies. Were they good or bad effects? Were they the same for all of the colonies? How did the ascendancy of William and Mary to the throne affect the relationship between England and its American Colonies?
7. Compare and contrast the Southern and Northern Colonies. Think about the following when answering this question.
 - a. How and why they began
 - b. Lifestyles
 - c. Religion
 - d. Government
 - e. Relations with the Natives
 - f. Type of economies
 - g. Land
 - h. Slavery