



APUSH SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Welcome to Advanced Placement United States History, affectionately known as APUSH. We know that you are eagerly anticipating the summer. While the summer is a time to relax, refresh, and reset, it is also a time to prepare for the rigors of APUSH.

To introduce you to the course, we would like you to read an op-ed from the *New York Times*, "[Most Everything You Learned About Thanksgiving Is Wrong.](#)" After reading the piece, please answer the questions below thoughtfully.

1. What are some of the reasons that the conception many Americans have of the first Thanksgiving is inaccurate, according to the article? What is the author's thesis and what are three pieces of evidence she uses to support her thesis.
2. According to James W. Loewen, a sociologist and author, what had Native American and European societies been doing for centuries to celebrate successful harvests?
3. According to the article, what were the Pilgrims seeking in addition to religious freedom? And what did they call themselves, instead of Pilgrims?
4. Finally, tell us more about what you think: Despite the factual inaccuracies described in the article, does that first celebration in 1621 have any bearing on Americans' lives today? Why or why not? Is Thanksgiving meaningful to you? Why or why not?

Requirements

- Typed, double spaced, 12pt. Times New Roman or Cambria font, and 1-inch margins
- Please number your responses
- Full name in the header
- Stapled
- Due Friday, September 27, 2019

It is our sincere hope that the assignment will intrigue you and challenge you. Have a great summer and we look forward to meeting you in September.

Sincerely,

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