

# History of the Americas Summer Assignment

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Dear students,

I am looking forward to working with you this next year! I hope you are looking forward to opening your mind and learning! For the summer assignment this year, you will need to use the internet or public library to do research to answer the questions about American colonization listed below. Please answer the questions by providing SPECIFIC information! This is an INDIVIDUAL assignment and I will be checking student work carefully for cheating (copying other student answers instead of taking responsibility for your own work). Your summer assignment is to be turned in on the first day of school-no exceptions! Call me if you have any questions at 689-3048.

1. What were early explorers in the New World (America) hoping to discover? What were the motives for European exploration of the New World? (one detailed paragraph)
2. When settlers came from Europe to the New World, they encountered natives. What was the result of colonization on the Native population? (Provide three SPECIFIC examples of interaction between natives and early colonists)
3. Describe the types of people that first came to America. What kinds of people were they, how old, social status, motive, etc. (Half page)
4. What was the Mayflower Compact? (short paragraph)
5. Describe the government of early colonies in America (half page)
6. List and briefly describe five early colonial settlements in the New World (ideas-where they were, who lived there, success or failures, challenges faced, way of life-about 1 paragraph for each)
7. In your opinion, what was the most important reason that colonists came to the New World? Why do you say this? Do you think the colonists achieved what they wanted in the New World? (3 paragraphs)