

AP US History
Long Essay Question- Assignment One
Skill: Comparison

Prompt:

Analyze the differences between the interactions with the Native Americans and the European colonists in **two** of the following regions:

- * New England
- * The Chesapeake
- * The Middle Colonies
- * New France
- * The Spanish Southwest

In your opening paragraph, you should have the following components: (Paragraph 1)

- You should have an argument, or thesis which showcases your ability to analyze the differences between the way in which European colonists interacted with the Native Americans.
- You should have an understanding of the time period and the events which characterized the relationship between the two groups. This understanding will allow you to contextualize what is happening during the period.
- You should have two points of difference between the relationship that is developed between two of these differing regions in Colonial America.
- You should have an essential point of difference between two of these regions and the Native Americans which you can argue is the most important.
- You should be able to draw a conclusion about what will happen in the future due to the major point of difference between the two of these regions and the Native Americans and how this will impact the future.

In each body paragraph, you should have the following components: (Paragraphs 2 and 3)

- You should have an introduction to the discussion of one of the points of difference that you introduced in your opening paragraph.
- You should analyze the importance of this difference that you highlighted in the opening paragraph.
- You should provide at least two examples of relevant (factual) historical evidence that support your analysis of this point of difference.

In your body paragraph which contains your major point of difference, you should have the following components: (Paragraph 4)

- You should have an introduction to the discussion of the major point of difference that you introduced in your opening paragraph.
- You should have a thorough analysis of the importance of this major point of difference that you highlighted in the opening paragraph.
- You should provide at least two examples of relevant (factual) historical evidence that support your analysis of this major point of difference.

In your conclusion paragraph, you should have the following components: (Paragraph 5)

- You should discuss the impact that your points of difference will have on the future for the two regions that you have been discussing throughout the essay.
- You should demonstrate that you have an understanding of the connection between the places that you are writing about and your major point of difference.

How will it be scored?

- 1- Point: Your argument or thesis.
- 1- Point: Your ability to place your discussion in proper historical context.
- 2- Points: Your ability to utilize two points of comparison.
- 2- Points: Your ability to properly use two pieces of relevant evidence.

The Long Essay Question is scored on a scale of 6 using the rubric that you have been provided in class and this is available on our website.

- 0: 0
- 1: 50-59
- 2: 60-70
- 3: 71-84
- 4: 85-91
- 5: 92-96
- 6: 97 and above