

AP US HISTORY PROJECT #1

Native American Civilizations: Culture Cube Assignment

This project will require you to conduct in -depth research on one of the civilizations which existed in the Americas prior to the arrival of Christopher Columbus and the Europeans. You will create a “cube” out of computer paper. You must work independently. This research will be completed using chapter 1 if any AP US history textbook or the internet.

Your cube must contain the following:

1. A map showing territory controlled by the people in your region at its peak.
2. A list of important people and societies that lived in your region. Each item should be explained in detail. At least 10 items should be mentioned.
3. An example of artwork, architecture, or story produced by the civilization.
4. A one-paragraph description of a significant cultural characteristic of at least one of the cultures that lived in the region. Cultural characteristics include but are not limited to the following categories: religion. Government, military, language, art, economy, and architecture.
5. A one-paragraph biography of an individual with ties to the region. You should include basic facts about the person, such as the person’s name, the years they lived, and their profession or role within the civilization.
6. A title for your cube written in large print, your name , and class period.

Possible regions of research: Mesoamerica, South America, southwest, eastern woodlands, non-farming societies

Chosen region: _____

Grading rubric (total points= 100 pts)

1. Format (0-10 pts)
2. Information [(0-80 pts) (0-10 per slide 1,3,6) (0-20 per slide 2,4,5)]
3. Presentation (0-10)

DUE DATE- SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

APUSH "HISTORY BOOKS ARE FUN" ESSAY ASSIGNMENT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Over the next months you will read a US history related book of your choice. *The book you select must be written for a college/adult level audience, be something you have **not** read before and are not reading for another class, be of "literary merit" and be a minimum of 100 pages.* The book may be non-fiction, biography, or historical fiction. After completing the book you will write a brief analytical essay and share with the class in a brief powerpoint. Time period: 1491-1877

Specifics

You will turn in a typed (12 pt Times Roman) double spaced, 1 inch margins, three page essay. The goal of the essay is to presentation analysis of the book: in order to do so you must include some specific information:

1. A brief summary of , or introduction to , the book.
 - Non-fiction: explain the main argument(thesis) and outline the core evidence
 - Biography: provide a brief summary of the subject's life
 - Fiction: describe the plot of the book and place it within its historical period
 - Make sure your summary is extensive enough to demonstrate that you have in fact read the book.
2. Analysis
 - Non-fiction: assess the validity of the argument and evidence; each main argument you discuss should have its own paragraph. When speaking about specific information in the book you must cite page numbers(please use parenthetical citations). Use outside information whenever necessary. Make sure you use specific citations as well.
 - Auto-biography: place the subject squarely within his/her historical time period and explain the subject's general significance (one paragraph) . Then discuss specific moments of importance within the subject's life(place each moment in a separate paragraph and organize chronologically). Be sure to explain why these moments matter either within the timeframe or as a defining moment in the person's life. Be sure to provide parenthetical citations for the information you use (both from the biography and from outside sources).
 - Fiction: Assess the book in terms of its presentation of the time period. How accurately does the novel reflect the time period? Use outside sources for further information if necessary (use parenthetical citations for any outside sources). Discuss some of the most effective sections/ passagesby providing, and analyzing , brief quotations which exemplify the general feel of the book and the author's style. Make sure to cite these quotes.
3. Recommendations:
 - Is this a book you would encourage others to read? Why or why not?