

**IB History of the Americas
Summer Assignment 2008
Mrs. Cofield**

Welcome to “Big IB”! The next two years will be busy, challenging, and rewarding in every sense. Using good time management and spreading the work over several days or weeks (instead of procrastinating and then panicking at the last minute) will make it much easier on you as well as earning you a higher grade.

The purpose of your summer assignments is to review you on early American history (the part you’ve gone over several times since you started kindergarten), which comprises the first seven chapters of the textbook. These chapters cover the period from Discovery and Colonization through the American Revolution and the writing of the Constitution. For each chapter, there is a brief map assignment and two to seven short answer essay questions. You should complete each chapter assignment directly on the paper provided.

FAQ

1. Do I need a textbook to complete my HOA summer assignments?

Yes! Stop by my classroom, B-10 anytime between May 30 and June 12 to pick one up.

2. When are my HOA summer assignments due?

All seven chapters are due no later than Friday, August 1. You may hand deliver them to the OSHS main office, mail them to school, or fax them to my attention at 757-548-0531.

3. What if I am going to be out of town this summer?

Lucky you! Have a great time! Your assignments are still due no later than August 1.

4. How much am I supposed to write on these “short answer” essays?

Each answer will require about a long paragraph (8 – 10 sentences).

5. Are you actually going to grade these things?

Yes. It is what I live for. More importantly, this will be the first major grade on your first term of your junior year, so this is a golden opportunity to get the most important year of your high school career kicked off to a good start.

6. How will you grade it? How much is it worth?

I will grade the work for accuracy. The map questions are worth one point each, and the short answer essays are worth 10 points each. The entire assignment is worth 235 points, or approximately 2 test grades.

7. Will I get the assignment returned to me?

Yes. On the first day of class. Later that week, we will have a test on all 7 chapters.

8. What if I don’t “get it” or need help?

Call me. I will be in and out of town all summer, but you can reach me on my cell phone at 757-714-6856, except for July 9 – 16, when I will be out of the country in cellular-free Peru. Leave me a message if I don’t pick up, and I’ll get back to you ASAP.

Have a great summer! (I’m serious about this, you can have fun AND do your summer assignments!)

Mrs. Cofield