

POSSIBLE ESSAY TOPICS FOR UNIT 1 EXAM

Create a complete and usable outline for each of the following questions:

1. Early encounters between American Indians and European colonists led to a variety of relationships among the different cultures. Analyze how actions taken by BOTH American Indians and European colonists shaped those relationships in each of the following regions. Confine your answer to the 1600s.
 - New England
 - Chesapeake
 - Spanish Southwest
 - New York and New France
2. Analyze the extent to which democratic ideals existed in colonial America prior to the American Revolution. Use relevant information between the years 1607 and 1763.
3. To what extent did economic, geographic, and social factors encourage the growth of slavery as an important part of the economy of the southern colonies between 1607 and 1775?
4. Compare the ways in which religion shaped the development of colonial society (to 1740) in each of the following regions:
 - New England
 - Chesapeake
 - Middle Atlantic
5. To what extent did the three regions of colonial America develop separate societies in the years prior to the American Revolution?
6. “Geography was the primary factor in shaping the development of the British colonies in North America.”
Assess the validity of this statement for the 1600’s.
7. For the period before 1750, analyze the ways in which Britain’s policy of salutary neglect influenced the development of American society as illustrated in the following.
 - Legislative assemblies
 - Commerce
 - Religion