

**Social Studies Department**  
**American History, Level 3**

- American History Review / Study Guide**
- Essay Assignment**

Please download this guide, then use the following questions as a “Directed Reading / Study Guide” for your Summer Assignment. Since pages 42 – 144 of our textbook re-examine material that you have studied in earlier American History courses, you are expected to review this information during the summer months in preparation for our course of study.

You will be tested on the reading assignment within the first two week of school based on the following major themes:

- 33% Characteristics of N.E., Middle, and Southern Colonies*
- 33% Pre-Revolutionary Period*
- 33% American Revolution and Post-Revolution.*

**Study Guide:**

1. What colonies were considered to be New England, Middle, and Southern Colonies? Please determine their characteristics. See Map on page 67 for future quiz.
2. What does the term “mercantilism” mean?
3. What does the term “salutary neglect” mean?
4. Identify and explain the importance of:
  - a. The Mayflower Compact
  - b. The Royal Proclamation of 1763
  - c. Boston Massacre
  - d. Boston Tea Party
  - e. Sons of Liberty
  - f. The First Continental Congress
  - g. The Intolerable Acts
  - h. Common Sense
  - i. John Lock
  - j. The Declaration of Independence, The Treaty of Paris (1783), The Land Ordinance of 1785, and The Articles of Confederation?
5. What contributed to the increase in Africans brought to this country?
6. What advantages and disadvantages did the English and Americans experience during the American Revolution? Include the Major causes, European support, and Colonial shortages. Also give some examples of protest by the colonist against the British.
7. List and explain a cause and affect of the following legislation: Townshend Acts, Quartering Act, Sugar & Stamp Acts, and Declaratory Act.
8. Based on its content, why was the Declaration of Independence written? (read the document pp109-111)
9. Choose **THREE** battles of the American Revolution (see ch. 4). Summarize the main points about each in 3-5 sentences.
10. What were the provisions of the Treaty of Paris in 1783?
11. What was America’s first system of government and how was it organized? Why didn’t it last?

Use the information in Chapters 2 – 4 in your text and the completed study guide questions to write the following essay. Each essay is to be typed, double-spaced, and printed in 12 size font, with one-inch margins. Please provide a cover page.

**Essay:**

How did British policies after the French & Indian War contribute to the colonists' desire and ability to govern themselves? Consider the following:

- a. The presence of British troops in the colonies
- b. Trade regulations, taxes, and other restrictions imposed by Britain
- c. Enlightenment ideas