

Advanced Placement United States History
Gray Stone Day School
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Your summer assignment is divided into two parts:

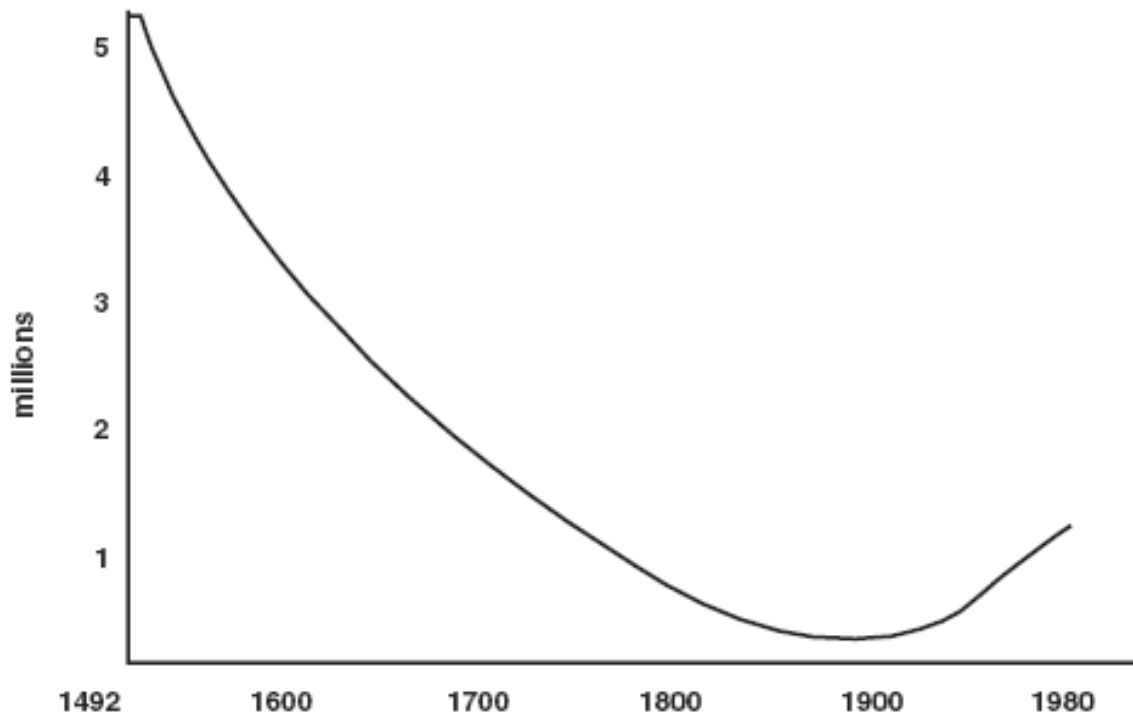
- 1) Read the introduction and pages 1-113 of *The American Colonies: The Settling of North America* by Alan Taylor; and
- 2) Write a responsive essay (described below).

The book can be purchased here: <http://www.amazon.com/American-Colonies-Settling-North-America/dp/0142002100>.

You are more than welcome to purchase a digital or used copy so long as you retain it. I will assign several readings from this text throughout the course, so it should not be sold, traded, or unceremoniously burned. Keep in mind that if you decide to start this assignment the day before the posted due date, you might have some difficulty getting the text in time.

Should you have any questions about this assignment, please feel free to email me at wdry@graystoneday.org, or call or text (980) 622-2136. If you need a more immediate response, a call or a text message is recommended.

Essay Prompt



Native American Population in the United States, 1492-1980

Referring to the graph above, describe 1) the trend illustrated by the graph above during the years 1492-1600 and 2) possible reasons behind it. Your answer must have:

- 1. a clear thesis statement that answers all parts of the question;**
- 2. evidence explicitly cited from *The American Colonies* as support;¹**
- 3. body paragraphs, a professional font (e.g. Times New Roman, Cambria, etc. sized between 10-12), and a length of at least two pages;**
- 4. a conclusion that does not merely restate your introduction;**

This assignment must be emailed to wdry@graystoneday.org **prior to the first day of class (Monday August 5th, 2019)**. Additionally, you should be prepared to discuss the reading on the first day in class.

¹ This can be cited in MLA format, or a simple page number citation will do. E.g. “The Spanish crown longed to consolidate an empire in a New World where almost everything was in violent flux” (p. 59).