

US HISTORY I AP
Summer Reading/2011

Your summer reading assignment will require you to read closely David Freeman Hawke's *Everyday Life in Early America*. You will submit a paper on the book in early October (due date to be announced on or about the first day of school.) The paper will carry a maximum grade of 100 points.

Your paper should:

- * **Lead with a strong, sophisticated thesis;**
- * **Be logically-organized;**
- * **Have an authoritative tone (it should make discerning use of examples from the book and it should use history well);**
- * **Be well-written;**
- * **Be mechanically sound, especially since this is an "untimed" assignment.**

Here's the question:

Evaluate the relative significance of each of these regions in the construction of an outpost of English culture along the Atlantic Coast of North America from 1607 to 1700:

- **New England**
- **The Middle Colonies**
- **The Southern Colonies**

The paper should be double-spaced, and it should be typed using standard margins and size 12 font. The paper should run 3 ½ to 5 pages. I will ask that you use parenthetical citations, using MLA style. (Since all quotes and paraphrases will come from Hawke's book, the page number or numbers alone will suffice; no need to continually note the author's name in this case. You should include the book's bibliographical information at the paper's outset.)

It is critical that you observe District guidelines on academic integrity: You must credit your sources where appropriate and you are neither to give nor receive help from anyone but me on this paper. I do not want you to seek out parents, guardians, relatives, fellow students, or other educators for help on this assignment. Nor do I want you to conduct peer review of one another's papers. Violation of these guidelines will result in sanctions.

You can and should make use of my help. Chiefly, I would like to see early drafts of your paper. The cut-off date for first drafts is Thursday, September 22. Any draft given me before that date will assure you my constructive criticisms. I will also make every effort to conduct a conference with any student who has given me a first draft on time. (I will try to be available to students who haven't given me drafts, too. But draft writers get first dibs.)

Good luck with this first assignment of the 2011-12 school year. I look forward to working with you in this challenging course, and I hope I can help you to success in this paper. Start reading the book around August 1—*enjoy some summer without schoolwork*—and try to have a draft ready by middle September.

Congratulations on successful completion of your freshman year. Have a great summer; see you in September.