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Summer Assignment
Unit 1: Colonial North America (1492-1754)

Please read textbook pages 2 – 24 and answer the questions, or complete the tasks below in your notebook.

1. In what ways were the 13 English colonies both homogeneous and diverse?
2. In what ways did the French and Indian War strain the relationship between Britain and the American colonists?
3. Describe two theories on the origin of humans in the Americas.
4. Approximately how many Indians populated the American continents prior to Columbus' arrival?
5. How did native societies in Central and South America develop differently from those in North America? Why?
6. Who were the first Europeans to "discover" the New World? Why is this event not as celebrated as much as Columbus' "discovery"?
7. How did goods from Asia reach Europe before a water route to the Far East was discovered? What factors made these goods too expensive for most Europeans to buy?
8. Who were Batholomeu Dias and Vasco de Gama? Why did their accomplishments cause Spain to begin sending explorers sailing westward?
9. Where did Columbus believe he had arrived when he landed on the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean?
10. What was the Colombian Exchange? What types of things were exchanged?
11. What was the Treaty of Tordesillas?
12. Identify the following: Ferdinand Magellan, Vasco Nunez Balboa, Francisco Pizarro, Hernando de Soto, Juan Ponce de Leon and Hernan Cortez.
13. What were two possible results of the massive influx of New World silver into the European economy between 1550 and 1650?
14. What was the *encomienda* system?
15. Who was Bartolome de Las Casas?
16. Describe the ways in which *Reconquista* led to Spain's conquest of the Americas and the behavior of the attitudes of the conquistadores toward the Indians.
17. Identify the following: John Cabot, Giovanni da Verrazano, Robert de La Salle and Jacques Cartier.
18. Describe Pope's Rebellion (1680).