

AP US HISTORY FREE RESPONSE QUESTIONS SINCE 1971

I. Colonial Time 1607 - 1775

1. Puritanism bore within itself the seeds of its own destruction. Apply this generalization. (74)
2. In the seventeenth century, New England Puritans tried to create a model society. What were their aspirations, and to what extent were those aspirations fulfilled during the seventeenth century? (83)
3. Between 1607 and 1763, Americans gained control of their political and economic institutions. To what extent and in what ways do you agree or disagree with this statement? (71)
4. What role did unfree labor play in colonial American society? (72)
5. Although many Northerners and Southerners came later to think of themselves as having separate civilizations, the Northern and Southern colonies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were in fact more similar than different. Assess the validity of this statement. (75)
6. Although the thirteen American colonies were founded at different times by people with different motives and with different forms of colonial charters and political organization, the Revolution the thirteen colonies had become remarkably similar. Assess the validity of this statement. (78)
7. Throughout the colonial period, economic concerns had more to do with the settling of British North America than did religious concerns. Assess the validity of this statement with specific reference to economic and religious concerns. (90)
8. To what extent and why did religious toleration increase in the American colonies during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries? Answer with reference to Three individuals, events, or movements in American religion during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. (81)
9. From 1600 – 1763, several European nations vied for control of the North American continent. Why did England win the struggle? (73)
10. The American Revolution should really be called the “British Revolution” because marked changes in British colonial policy were responsible for final political division than were American actions. Assess the validity of this statement for the period 1763 – 1776. (82)
11. Britain’s wars for empire, far more than its mercantilist policies, dictated the