

American History Summer Reading Study Guide *A Voyage Long and Strange* by Tony Horwitz

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Summer reading should be enjoyable but informative. The book I have chosen covers the first few weeks of class. This is a time period that many Americans are not familiar with as the author found out. Students should answer the following questions to the best of their ability and turn them in on the first full day of class. The open book test will be on the second full day of class. I would suggest highlighting all important people and underlining important events. Active reading is an important skill. By highlighting and taking notes in the book, students will be ready for the test. Only handwritten notes are allowed in the book, no printed study guides.

Chapter 1- Vinland

1. What is the story of Eirik the Red?
2. What was Vinland?
3. Why is L'Arse aux Meadows important?
4. Why are Helga Ingstad and Anne Stone important?
5. Who were the Beothuk?
6. Who were the Micmac?

Chapter 2- 1492

1. What did Columbus look like?
2. What are the myths about Columbus?
3. How did Columbus prepare for his journey? How long was it supposed to last?
4. Where was Columbus on October 12, 1492?

5. Where did Columbus travel on his first voyage? Where did he think he was?
6. What did Columbus bring back to Ferdinand and Isabella?
7. Why is Santo Domingo important?

Chapter 3- Santo Domingo

1. How many voyages did Columbus make to the New World?
2. Why is our country named America?
3. What is the “curse of Columbus”?
4. Where was Columbus buried? Where are his bones now?
5. Who was Bartolome de las Casas?

Chapter 4- Dominican Republic

1. Where did the author travel in the Dominican Republic?
2. What historic sites did he want to see?

Chapter 5- The Gulf Coast

1. Why is Ponce de Leon important?
2. What happened to Alvar Nuñez de Vaca?
3. What was Cibola?
4. What was Antilia?

Chapter 6- The Southwest

1. Why did Coronado lead a force into the future US?
2. What was “the Summons”?
3. What happened at Cibola?
4. What is the black legend?

5. Which Europeans reached North America first?
6. Why are the Zuni unique?
7. What natural wonder did Coronado's men discover?

Chapter 7- The Plains

1. What was Quivira?
2. Why did Juan de Oñate attack the Indians?
3. Who was Herbert Bolton?
4. What was actually at Quivira? What was Coronado expecting to find?
5. Who was Coronado's guide to Quivira? What happened to that guide?
6. Where was Quivira?

Chapter 8- The South

1. Where did De Soto land in Florida?
2. Who was Juan Ortiz?
3. What animal did De Soto bring to the Southeast that are still around today?
4. Why didn't De Soto stick to the coast? In other words why did he decide to go inland?
5. Who is Charles Hudson? What challenges did he encounter?
6. Who was the "lady of Cofitachequi"?
7. What is Mary Chesnut's connection to the De Soto story?

Chapter 9- The Mississippi

1. Who were the mound builders? Where do we find mounds?
2. Why is Mavila important?
3. Where do scholars believe that Mavila was located?

4. Compare Indian advantages in fighting to the Spanish advantages in fighting?
5. Describe the *Discovery of the Mississippi*.
6. Who took over after De Soto died? What did he decide to do with De Soto's body?

Chapter 10- Florida

1. Why is Rene de Laudonniere important?
2. Why did the French want a colony in Florida?
3. Who established St. Augustine?
4. Who led the French attack on St. Augustine?
5. What happened to the French who tried to attack St. Augustine?
6. What historical inaccuracies did the author find in St. Augustine?

Chapter 11- Roanoke

1. Why is John Cabot important?
2. What land did people like David Ingram had visited?
3. Who was Sir Humphrey Gilbert?
4. What did Richard Hakluyt write about?
5. Raleigh did not travel to Roanoke. Who did he send instead? (HINT- there was more than one trip)
6. Compare the different expeditions to Roanoke.
7. Why was Virginia Dare important?
8. What was CROATOAN?
9. What are the various theories about what happened to the colonists at Roanoke?

Chapter 12- Jamestown

1. Describe John Smith's background.

2. Who sent colonists to Jamestown? How many ships did they take?
3. Why was Jamestown a bad location?
4. What instructions did the Virginia Company give the colonists regarding the Indians?
5. Pocahontas was a nickname. What did it mean? What was her real name?
6. How did Smith save the colony?
7. Why did Smith return to England?
8. Who did Pocahontas marry? What was her English name?

Chapter 13-Plymouth

1. Why was sassafras an important plant?
2. Why was Bartholomew Gosnold important?
3. Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving today? (Who made it a holiday?)