

# US History I: Exploration and Colonization

## Week 1: Primary vs. Secondary vs. Tertiary Sources

- identifying the differences between primary, secondary, and tertiary sources + give examples from history

## Week 2: Analyzing Text

- explain how to take notes, annotate, cite, and analyze a piece of historical text

## Week 3: Exploration

- first European explorers and their journeys to the New World
- Christopher Columbus
  - journey
  - conflicts between Native Americans
  - impact

## Week 4: New World

- Columbian exchange
  - animals, cultures, diseases, plants, ideas
- more exploration (Spanish, English, Dutch, French)
- conflicts between explorers and Native Americans

## Week 5: Colonization

- explain how Columbus' discovery sparked colonization
- why did people want to colonize the New World? (religious freedom, etc.)
- how did people come over/ create the colonies?

## Week 6: Colonies

- New England vs. Southern vs. Middle colonies
  - explain the differences between ideas, geography, economic structure, etc.

## Week 7: Colonial Life

- religious beliefs
- daily life
- economic structure
- slavery
- relationships between the 13 colonies
- introduce the tension between the colonies and Britain

## Week 8: Tension

- explain the tensions between the colonies and Britain (why? how?)
- what did Britain want? what did the colonies want?

## Week 9: Acts + Taxes

- describe the acts Britain imposed on Colonial America (Tea Act, Stamp Act, Quartering Act, etc.)
- French and Indian War

## Week 10: Acts + Taxes cont.

- Why did Britain create these acts? How did these acts affect the colonists?
- What major events happened because of these acts? (protests, Boston Tea Party, Boston Massacre, etc.)

- explain “Taxation without Representation”

### **Week 11: Colonial Resistance**

- Loyalists vs. Patriots
- How did Britain deal with colonial resistance?
- How did the Loyalists counterattack?
- What role did the Patriots have in assisting Britain?
- introduce the Revolutionary War

### **Week 12: Review + Catch Up**