

APUSH Summer Reading Assignment

William Cronon, *Changes in the Land*

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As part of your summer assignment, you will look at four excerpts from William Cronon’s *Changes in the Land*, a very influential work in the field of environmental history. Cronon’s work examines the effect of European patterns of land use on the New England landscape in the 17th and 18th centuries.

In preparation for the Document-Based Questions (DBQs) you will have to write as an APUSH student this year, you will answer each question using evidence from the text. Where you see (____), you are to note the page number where you found the piece of evidence you are using to answer the question. As with all of our summer assignments, this assignment should be turned in *handwritten* (NOT typed) on the first day of class. **Since this book is copyrighted, a password is required to access the readings. My students should have it.**

Controlling the Environment (Contrast) Answer the following questions using [this excerpt](#) from Cronon.

In what ways did Indians in New England interact with and control their environment? Contrast this with how the English interacted with and controlled their environment using two (2) pieces of evidence to represent each group.

Indians (New World)	English (Old World)
(____)	(____)
(____)	(____)

Food and Gender Roles (Contrast) Answer the following questions using [this excerpt](#) from Cronon.

Contrast Indian agriculture with English agriculture:

Indians (New World)	English (Old World)
(____)	(____)

How did the Indians and the English differ when it came to men’s work and women’s work when it came to agriculture, hunting, and fishing?

	Indians (New World)	English (Old World)
Women	(____)	(____)
Men	(____)	(____)

How did the English and the Indians regard each other’s division of labor between men and women?

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How does Cronon explain the difference in the division of labor between men and women in the Old World and the New World?

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Property and Ownership (Comp/Cont) Answer the following questions using [this excerpt](#) from Cronon.

How did Indians and Europeans differ in their ideas of property ownership?

Indians (New World)	Europeans (Old World)
<i>Are there any commonalities in the way that Indians and Europeans looked at the idea of property?</i>	

How did these differing ideas of property ownership come into conflict in colonial New England?

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Power and Wealth (Contrast) Answer the following questions using [this excerpt](#) from Cronon.

How did relationships between power and wealth differ in European and Indian culture?

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What does Cronon mean when he uses the term, *capitalism*? This is a word with many nuances and it is important to know what idea someone is expressing when they use the term.

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Does Cronon seem supportive of this idea of capitalism as he presents it? Present evidence to support your answer.

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