**Ch. 1 Summative Assessment**

**Due 10/5, 10/6**

**Content Standards:**

*8.1 Students understand the major events preceding the founding of the nation and relate their significance to the development of American constitutional democracy.*

*8.1.4**Describe the nation’s blend of civic republicanism, classical liberal principles, and English parliamentary traditions.*

**Objective:** Students will show their understanding of the cultural developments that occurred before the founding of America and prior to European colonization by writing a 5-paragraph essay on three of the major topics presented in Chapter 1.

**Procedure:** (1) Students will choose 3 major topics discussed in Chapter 1. (2) Students will need 2 sources to research details about those topics. (4) Students will compose a typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, Times New Roman, 5-paragraph essay with a Hook, Thesis Statement, 3 Supporting Paragraphs, a Conclusion and Bibliography that describes their chosen cultures or events. (4) Students will illustrate, by hand, a colorful and creative cover page for their Essay.

**Topic Selection:** Students are required to choose one topic from each major section of Chapter 1 in order to express a more broad scope of understanding.

1&2 - Early Americans: Paleo-Indians, Mesoamericans, South Americans, Native Americans

3 - West Africa: Ghana, Mali, Songhai, Slave Trade, Islam, Askia the Great, Mansa Musa

4 - Europe: Greeks, Romans, Feudalism, Crusades, Black Death, the Renaissance

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|  Points Poss.  |  5 / 4 |  3 |  2  |  1 / 0 |
| Information | Excellent Research | Adequate Research | Lacking Research | Little or No Research |
| Writing | Well written, clear, organized, free of spelling or grammar errors | Clear writing, good paragraphs, some mistakes | Poorly written, mistakes throughout, lack of clarity | Full of errors, poorly written, mistakes or lack of care. |
| Requirements | All academic and research & source requirements met, all elements are present | Most requirements met, missing some elements | Some requirements met, missing many elements | Many requirements not met, not typed, wrong font, style, etc. |
| Cover Page | Colorful and Creative, shows effort | Creative, lacks effort | Lack of effort | No Cover Page |