

There is a summer reading assignment for APUSH. This summer assignment has three parts.

1) You are to read Carl Becker's "Everyman His Own Historian," a speech he delivered as the president of the American Historical Association. The speech can be found online at:

www.historians.org/info/aha_history/clbecker.htm

The speech is also found via the link from Wikipedia's "Carl L. Becker":

You are to answer the following questions about doing history:

1. Why does Becker say that we can never be sure of the past?
2. What is the only way, according to Becker, to test the past?
3. What two histories are there, according to Becker? What is Becker's point?
4. What place does anticipation of the future have in the writing of history?
5. What does Becker mean by saying it is impossible to divorce history from life?
6. Why do you think Becker says history changes from generation to generation?
7. Why is it more important for history to be useful than true, according to Becker?
8. By what are all historians limited?
9. What is the illusion of present day historians?
10. Why can man and the world be understood only tentatively? Do you agree with Becker? Why?

2) Read the first chapter of Kennedy's *The American Pageant*, 15th edition, Ch. 1 "New World Beginnings."

3) Fill in the Pre-Columbian Indian Chart. If you Google "Comparison Chart Native American Tribes" or "Native American Charts" or "Native American Comparison Charts" you will get lots of information.

There will be a quiz on "Every Man His Own Historian" upon your return. There will also be a quiz on the regional differences between Native Americans.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!

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