



The Catholic High School of Baltimore
Summer Reading

Teacher's Name: Ms. Trzcinski

School Year: 2026-2027

Grade Level: 10

Course No.: 221

Course Name: U.S. History

Academic Level (AP/Honors/CP/Archangel): Honors

ASSIGNED READING

Chapter 2: 1493: The True Importance of Christopher Columbus only in Lies My Teacher Told Me by James W. Loewen

Was Columbus an Imperialist? Arguments from Kirkpatrick Sale and Robert Royal

Documents on the Arrival of the Spanish from European & Native Perspectives
(pick 1 out of the 4 provided)

ASSIGNMENT

1. Join the Honors U.S. History Google Classroom. Email Miss Trzcinski no later than July 15th to get the class code if you did not already join prior to leaving school for the summer.
 - a. All readings and assignments are posted there.
2. Read Was Columbus an Imperialist?
 - a. In the document posted in Google Classroom (Argumentation and Corroboration: Europeans in America), complete the chart for both points of view making sure to provide evidence for the claims you make.
3. Read Loewen Ch. 2 only
 - a. In the document posted in Google Classroom (Argumentation and



Corroboration: Europeans in America), complete the chart to answer: What argument does Loewen provide about Columbus? Make sure you provide evidence for each claim you make.

4. Pick any 1 out of the 4 provided documents on the Arrival of the Spanish from European and Native Perspectives
 - a. In the document posted in Google Classroom (Argumentation and Corroboration: Europeans in America), complete the chart to list what can be learned from that document, what are the limitations of the document and how it can be used to corroborate or debunk other arguments?

Per The Catholic High School of Baltimore's Honor Code, your work must be your own. Any type of academic dishonesty in completing this assignment will result in an automatic failing grade and a referral to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

Due Date: This assignment is due on or before September 3, 2026.

ASSESSMENT

There will be a follow up assignment the first week of class. This information will also be included in the first test of the year.

CONTACT

If you have any questions this summer, please reach out. My email address is **ctrzcinski@thecatholichighschool.org**.