SECTION ONE  BECOMING AMERICAN  50 POINTS

How did the early encounters between North American Indians and British colonists at Jamestown and Plymouth either illustrate or contradict some of the larger patterns of the Columbian exchange?

OR

Compare and contrast the colonial cultures that developed in New England and the Chesapeake region. What were some of their most important differences? How did they begin to converge by 1750?

SECTION TWO  FOUNDING FATHERS  50 POINTS

According to historian Gordon Wood, Benjamin Franklin and George Washington were easily the two most famous Americans of the eighteenth century. Explain how each man sometimes used (and therefore also risked) his celebrity on behalf of the American revolutionary cause during the period between 1765 and 1789.

OR

What was the ideology of republicanism and how did it evolve during the period between 1765 and 1789?

GENERAL ADVICE

Good essay exam answers begin by providing a clear thesis or interpretation and by defining any key terms in the question. You don’t need to restate the question, but you should address its terms directly in the opening paragraph. The best answers then proceed to support their interpretation by providing specific historical examples arranged in a logical and compelling fashion. Essays should offer a high level of detail, including the use of brief quotations or striking examples and should also take care to anticipate potential objections or alternatives to their interpretations.

REMINDERS

- Students may study together but must produce their own answers
- Each essay should occupy several blue book pages and take about 30-35 minutes
- Missing an exam is only an option in an emergency or for documented sickness