

Advanced Placement US History

Essay Assignment

Lies My Teacher Told Me – Essay Questions

Each student must select 2 of the 5 essays listed below

- 1) What are the aims and purposes of herofication? Do you agree? Why or why not?
- 2) What does the term cultural imperialism mean? How do the dynamics of the Native American slave trade give rise to it in the Americas?
- 3) What is the relationship between slavery and racism? How does each inform the other? Is there a distinction in each without the presence of the other? What are these distinctions?
- 4) How do American textbooks perpetuate the myth of upward mobility? What is the relationship between upward mobility and presumptions of merit? Do you agree with the myth label? Why or why not?
- 5) What lessons can we garner from the European domination of Native Americans through diseases and technology that can inform the current environmental crisis debate?