

## **Weekly Assignment #1**

### **History 021: U.S. History 1**

Winter 2013

Due: Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

This assignment is worth 12 points or 12% of the total course grade. Please answer the questions below in 1-4 paragraphs each (as indicated). Please type your responses and submit them in class. You may work on this in groups and use sources outside of the textbook, but your final answers must be written independently and be in your own words. Provide some specific examples to support your ideas, and be sure to proofread your final draft.

#### **Question 1**

##### **3 Points – 1-2 Paragraphs**

Explain how and why Spain established colonies in America. As you work on your answer, consider discussing: their goals, how they produced wealth, their relations with Native Americans, and their governments.

#### **Question 2**

##### **6 points – 2-4 Paragraphs**

Compare and contrast the English colonies in the South to those in New England. What were the goals of the colonists in both regions? Describe their economies, sources of labor, and settlement patterns. Overall, were the two regions more similar or more different? Why?

#### **Question 3**

##### **3 Points – 1-2 Paragraphs**

The Enlightenment had a significant impact on the thinking of American colonists. Who among the colonies responded to the Enlightenment? What were the political, economic, and religious ideas of the Enlightenment? (The textbook has a brief section on this. We will cover it in more depth in class.)