Summer Reading Assignment - AP U.S. History

For this assignment you will need to purchase a copy of American Colonies by Alan Taylor (ISBN 9780142002100). You will be using the book for this assignment as well as for reading assignments for class during the first unit.

The Assignment:
Follow the directions below and work in order through the tasks that are listed. For Chapters 1-4 of Taylor’s American Colonies, you will be reading and taking notes. Then, you will watch a PBS film on the interaction between the Europeans settling in Massachusetts and the Native Americans. Please either type your answers or write neatly.

Chapters 1 - 4
For each assigned section, take notes in response to the question. Be sure the notes are in phrases (NOT complete sentences), and that they include the most important ideas from each section. This is important practice for the kind of note taking skills you will need all year and for your research paper. We have answered the first question for you in order to give you an example of the level of detail you need:

Chapter 1 - Natives
1. Describe the initial migration of people to North and South America.
   a. North and South America - last settled continents
   b. Native Americans all come from few hundred ancestors (not diverse)
   c. First Americans come across land bridge from Siberia
   d. People worked their way south
2. Briefly describe MesoAmerican horticulture.
3. List and describe the similarities between the Anasazi and Hohokum.
4. Describe the Mississippian culture and way of life (mound builders).
5. Compare and contrast the epidemiology, technology, and beliefs of North Americans and Europeans pre-1492.

Chapter 2 - Colonizers
1. Who was Columbus? What was the impact of his journeys?
2. What happened to the Taino of Hispaniola?
3. How and why did epidemics devastate the Americas?
4. How and why did the European population grow after 1492?
5. What does Taylor mean by ecological imperialism? What was its impact?

Chapter 3 - New Spain
1. How and why was Cortes successful in his conquest?
2. Characterize the conquistadors.
3. What was the impact of Spain’s consolidation of its empire?
4. Who moved to New Spain? Describe this new civilization.
5. How did the influx of gold and silver from New Spain impact Europe?

Chapter 4 - The Spanish Frontier
1. How did Cabeza de Vaca help shift Spanish policy in New Spain?
2. What was the impact of Soto on the Native Americans they encountered?
3. How did the Pueblo people respond to the arrival of Coronado?
4. Describe the impact of the missions established by the Spanish in Florida.
5. From the late 16th into the 17th century, assess the impact of Spanish rule over the region of New Mexico. How did the approach and goals of the administration change in this period?
6. Assess the role of the Franciscan missions in New Mexico. How successful were they and what was their impact on relations with the Pueblo?
7. What were the causes and consequences of the Pueblo Revolt?

Watch the first episode of the PBS series on Native American History, We Shall Remain. The episode entitled “We Shall Remain: After the Mayflower” can be viewed online at youtube. [http://tinyurl.com/kdq3zkr](http://tinyurl.com/kdq3zkr) (or it can be viewed through Amazon Prime or Netflix). The episode is approximately ninety minutes long.

After you watch the film, complete the following:

In one paragraph (of about 6-8 sentences), explain HOW and WHY the relationship between the Wampanoag and the colonists changed from the beginnings of English contact in 1620 through the 1670s.