

American History 11 – Mr. Ruppert
Chapter 3 Current Events Assignment (30 points)
CLASH OF CULTURES

The Post-Columbian to pre-Revolutionary history of North America featured the intersection of three worlds; Europeans, Native-Americans, and Africans. The impact of this “collision of cultures” was varied. Certainly cultural diffusion was one key result, as “new world’s were created” (chapter 3 title) and blending amongst these three groups in the New World took place. The other frequent result of these three peoples coming into contact was of course a CONFLICT OF CULTURES. The handout you have just read illustrates some basic cultural differences between Native Americans and Europeans which often led to misunderstanding, conflict, and ultimately violence and bloodshed.

Your assignment: Go on to the Internet (or check a current periodical) and find a current example of a situation (BESIDES THE ISRAELI-PALASTINIAN CONFLICT) where differing cultural values clash. Then answer (typed) the following questions.

A) Written (1 to 2 pages) -- Each question worth 5 points each

1. Describe the two (or more) cultural groups that are in opposition.
2. Describe their cultural differences. What are the issues that divide them?
3. How has the situation been resolved? If it has not been resolved, why not? What attempts have been made?
4. In your opinion, what historical lesson can be learned from this situation?

B) Oral Presentation – 10 points

- Summarize your CLASH OF CULTURES to the class.
- You will have 1-2 minutes to do so (shoot for 90 seconds)
- Mr. Ruppert will make the document camera available, should you wish to put notes / visuals up on the BIG SCREEN

