**Unit 1 Part 1**

**Study Guide**

Use your notes, your handouts, and the class website (phs-ushistory.weebly.com) to help you complete this and prepare for your quiz!

**1400s – 1600s – Early Exploration and Colonization**

Name at least three countries that came to the New World

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| Countries/Explorers | Why were they coming? | What did they find/accomplish? |
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Who was Columbus? Why is he considered a controversial figure?

What effect did the Europeans have on the Natives?

**1600s – 1700s – English Colonization**

What country owned the American colonies? How many were there?

What are the names of the three regions of English Colonies?

What are differences between the three colonial regions?

**1700s – Eve of the Revolution**

What war were the colonists required to fight in?

After the war, what did England do that upset the colonists?

What actions did the colonists take in response to England’s new rules?

What three viewpoints did the colonists have about a war with England? Describe them.

What was Thomas Paine’s main argument in “Common Sense”? How did it change the views of the colonists?

Why did the colonists declare their independence?

**Late 1770s - The Constitution**

What kind of government did they establish?

What are the Articles of Confederation? What are 2 strengths and 2 weaknesses of them?

Why did the Americans decide to write the Constitution?

Describe at least one of the compromises made at the Constitutional Convention.

Explain at least one of the principles of the Constitution.