

**AMERICAN NATIONS**  
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As you read the book, answer the following questions:

**Introduction: pg. 5-13; 15 & 16**

1. Give a brief definition of each of the eleven nations. What obvious objection must be answered?
2. What is the Doctrine of First Effective Settlement?

**CHAPTER 1: Founding El Norte**

3. For how long have Europeans been living in the Americas?
4. On page 26, describe the standard of living of most Native Americans.
5. How does Spain's desire to stamp out Protestantism relate to El Norte? (3 ways). Who are the mestizos?
6. On pages 29 & 30, explain why there is no self-government in El Norte.

**CHAPTER 2: Founding New France**

7. Describe the two different approaches to creating New France. What was Champlain's view on interacting with the Native American? What type of technologies do the French adopt from the Indians? (pg 39)
8. On page 40, it is described that by the 1660's two-thirds of the French colonist were males. What affect DO YOU THINK this would have on New France?

**CHAPTER 3: Founding Tidewater**

9. Describe the traditional story of Jamestown. What is the truth about Jamestown? Why did the first colonist fail so miserably?
10. What was a major difference in the way Jamestown treated Indians as opposed to how New France did? What two events saved Jamestown from economic ruin? (pg 47).
11. How did tobacco shape Tidewater society? How did Tidewater feel about the English Civil War?
12. What is the difference between Indentured Servants and African slaves?
13. What was the goal of Chesapeake elites? What was the House of Burgesses designed for?
14. What affect would not having a school system have on Tidewater?
15. Describe the difference between liberty & freedom. Why does Tidewater only believe in liberty?

**CHAPTER 4: Founding Yankeedom**

16. In what ways was Yankeedom in total opposition to Tidewater? What is the real reason for the Puritans coming to America? How did they create a truly revolutionary society?
17. What impact would YOU THINK coming in family units have on Yankeedom?
18. On page 60, the book states that Yankeedom differed from Tidewater not merely in presence of towns but in the power vested in them. Explain what this means. How did their understanding of government differ from every other American Nation? How did religion play a part?
19. On page 62, it is stated that Puritans tended to be fearful of "otherness". How did this lead to their interactions with Native Americans?
20. What affect did the English Civil War have on Yankeedom? How did this further divided Yankeedom and Tidewater?