

UNIT 0: AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY

Directions: For each topic describe the historical circumstances surrounding the topic and the effects it had on the United States. Be sure to include Key Concepts in your response and cite evidence found in your research.

Key Research Items	Topic	Small Arc Cause and Effect Claim	Unit Cause and Effect Claim
Required Concepts: <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Geography of Northern Colonies <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Geography of Southern Colonies <input type="checkbox"/> Triangle Trade <input type="checkbox"/> The Cotton Gin <input type="checkbox"/> The Proclamation of 1763	Colonial ↓↓ Geography		

Steps to completing a small arc writing assignment:

Step 1: Research the required concepts in the Key Research Items by designing 5Ws questions (ex: what was the triangle trade?, what was the Physical Geography of the northern colonies? Why is the Cotton Gin important?)

Step 2: Using the classroom resources including textbooks, review books, teacher provided materials from the “Unit Materials” board, and any resources found on the internet collect information that helps resolve your research questions

Step 3: After researching all the necessary items create a cause and effect claim that connects multiple key concepts. (For example “The Geography of the early Colonies led to a reliance on the slave trade in the south”).

Step 4: Write a 1 to 2 paragraph response in which you explain your claim and support it with evidence you found from your research.