

## Ms. Vera's 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies Summer Assignment 2018

### **Background:**

Scientists sometimes uncover research that leads to new questions, or different interpretations of established truths. These discoveries can often lead to debate among scientists. This summer you will read 2 articles that will help give you some insight on how the first people arrived to the Americas.

### Directions for Article #1:

#### **“Study says people arrived in America 100,000 years earlier than thought”**

##### **1-Read Once**

During the first read of the article, you will identify the **two** opposing positions in the article. (Hint: They will identify the people involved in the debate.)

##### **2- Read Twice**

During the second read, you will identify the claims **AND** evidence presented by both sides. Those made by Deméré, you will highlight in blue. Those made by paleontologists who question these claims, you will highlight in green.

##### **Comment on the quality of the evidence presented**

To finish this activity, you will then **annotate** in the margin next to each claim and evidence how effective you think the evidence presented is.

- How much do you agree with the claim and the evidence? State why.
- What do other researchers say about the pieces of evidence? Is the evidence reliable?

##### **3- Complete the Quiz assigned.**

### Direction for Article #2:

#### **“The History of the Land Bridge Theory”**

**1-** As you read, annotate the text with any questions, comments or wonderings about the topic. You must include a minimum of 9 annotations for the article in order to receive credit for them.

**2-** Once you've finished the annotations, complete the Quiz. Make sure to read carefully before completing the Quiz.

\*These 2 assignments will count as your first **5** grades for Social Studies class.

### **To complete the assignment:**

Log in to NEWSELA.com using your Google accounts, and enter the Class Code: **JUBHDZ**. Go to your **BINDER**, and locate the assigned articles to complete. They are due on the first day back.



