Essay Prompt and guiding question: *To what extent was the pre-Columbian landscape of North America a “pristine” wilderness* (100 formal points)

**APUSH**

Summer Assignment

100 informal points (for the summer work)

1. You will be writing an essay for 100 formal points due in the first two weeks of school. These are your notes. Take this seriously and the paper will be easier to write
2. Read and annotate/ take notes on the following articles/excerpts. Reading them in order would be best. After you have completed write the main arguments of each author *citing* at least 5 s*pecific* pieces of evidence the author uses to support his or her argument
	1. *American Indians* by Elliot West
	2. [*The Pristine Myth: The Landscapes of the Americas in 1492*](http://www2.nau.edu/~alcoze/for398/class/pristinemyth.html)by William M. Denevan
	3. Excerpts from 1491
		1. *Introduction*
		2. *Pleistocene Wars*
		3. *Fireplace*
		4. *Ten Thousand Mounds*
		5. *The Rise and Fall of the American Bottom*
		6. *Tiny Cobs and the Stupidest Question in the World*
		7. *The Artificial Wilderness*
3. After you have completed write the main arguments of each author *citing* at least 5 s*pecific* pieces of evidence the author uses to support his or her argument
4. Write a strong APUSH thesis statement using the guide on my website.
5. Complete an outline (attached) supporting you thesis CITING specific historical evidence from **ALL** three authors (*do not stress out I understand this is a draft and we will work through it together)*

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**Draft Outline for Paper**

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