Thanksgiving Break Assignment

**Directions:** For this assignment, you are responsible for providing an answer to each question as well as a quote (with page numbers). With the quote, you must provide an explanation and analysis of how the quote answers the question.

**Chapter 3:** The Hidden Origins of Slavery, *White over Black*

Jefferson’s Dilemma in Revolutionary America

1. How did Thomas Jefferson become one of the wealthiest men in America?
2. How did Jefferson treat his slaves?
3. If Jefferson was committed to the institution of slavery, why did he believe it was an immoral institution as well?
4. As we delve deeper into Jefferson’s dilemma, how did he see the institution of slavery affecting the master (planter) class, their children and future generations of whites?
5. What was Jefferson’s plan to emancipate slaves?
6. Why was deportation an essential part of Jefferson’s emancipation plan?
7. How did Jefferson view African Americans as a race, whether free or enslaved?
8. How did Jefferson’s views contribute to the social construct of African Americans as inferior to whites?
9. How did Jefferson’s views conflict with his relationship with Sally Hemmings? What was the outcome of their union?
10. While considering Jefferson’s multiple dilemmas, analyze why he referred to the entrenchment of slavery as having “… the wolf by the ears”.

**Chapter 4:** Towards the Stony Mountain

1. How was Jackson’s fortune and wealth tied to the fate of Native Americans?
2. How did Jackson view the Native Americans he was fighting against?
3. How did Jackson justify the brutality and extermination of Native American tribes?
4. When Jackson became President, did his treatment of Native Americans change? Or did it stay the same?
5. What are some examples of Jackson practicing paternalism towards Native Americans?
6. Who were the Choctaws and how were their way of living impacted by European contact?
7. How were the Choctaws forced to move from their land?
8. What was the land grant system? How did it impact the lives of Native Americans?
9. What are the similarities between the Choctaw and the Cherokee experience?
10. What was the Treaty of New Echota and what was its impact on Native American relations with the state of Georgia?
11. What were the causes of the Trail of Tears?
12. Why is the Trail of Tears considered to be a national tragedy?