

Unit 1 Major Assessment

You have read various accounts of life in the pre-1700 Americas. Whether it was Cortes describing the Aztec culture or Cotton Mather detailing the trial of Martha Carrier, all of the readings have given details of the experience of living in the Americas prior to 1700.

Your first major assessment is to create a dramatic monologue in which you take on the persona of either:

- *A European Settler or*
 - *A Native American*
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Your monologue must:

- Accurately represent the life of the persona you choose
 - Remember, this is a fictional person you are creating. **YOU ARE NOT COPYING FROM ONE OF THE READINGS OR USING ONE OF THE AUTHORS AS YOUR PERSONA.**
 - Synthesize information gathered from the readings and your independent research.
 - Last at least 2 minutes
 - Demonstrate a deep understanding of the life/era you are portraying
 - Demonstrate the effort and maturity expected of serious academics
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You can present your monologue in one of two ways:

1. Create a video, starring you and any other “actors” you may need
 - a. If you choose to make a video, the video **MUST BE SHARED** with teacher **BEFORE** it is your turn to present or you will earn a zero (0).
 2. Present the monologue live in front of the class
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Steps

1. Review notes and readings to identify persona you want to portray
2. Brainstorm ideas
3. Complete planning/outlining sheet
4. Begin drafting/creating monologue
5. Present draft to family/friends to receive feedback
6. Use feedback to revise/edit monologue
7. Create final version
8. Practice
9. Practice
10. Practice
11. Present to class