IBHA – John M. Murrin, *Beneficiaries of Catastrophe: The English Colonies in America*

**DIRECTIONS: Read the essay and be prepared to discuss the questions below, in order to write an essay in response to the question: “To what extent did the European “discovery” of the Americas benefit the worlds it touched?” due at the end of the first week of school.**

1. What is Murrin’s thesis?
2. Describe a typical colonist from southern England, north Britain.
3. Why did Francis Jennings describe the Americas as a “widowed land?”
4. List 5 interactions among the 3 cultures of the Atlantic world.
5. Explain Indian society’s built-in immunities to European influences.
6. Define “mourning war,” and its consequences for North America.
7. When and why did the price of war exceed its benefits?
8. Complete the table by describing each empire’s Indian policy.

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| **SPAIN** | **FRANCE** | **DUTCH** | **ENGLISH** |
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1. What were the English colonists’ “rules of war?”
2. The author declares all English settlers before 1675 were terrorists. Do you agree/disagree? Support.
3. Complete the chart on **English North American** settlements [motivation, demography, family structure, community organization, local economy & social values] drawing from the article pages 13-22.

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| **New England** | **Middle** | **Chesapeake** |
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