History and Culture of the United States of America

(AJ47001)

Essay Questions

You are to answer both of the questions below. Each answer should be a minimum of 1000 words long. You should use as references the readings available to you both in ELF and on the IS page for this course. You may also use additional materials if you so choose.

1. Identify the three events (e.g. Supreme Court decisions, laws, battles, encounters, etc.) in American history that you feel were most important in shaping the current state of indigenous peoples in the United States and explain why.

2. Discuss the relationship between identity (including ethnic identity), assimilation and immigration. You may focus on a specific group, time period or issue-based question. How is the interplay between these factors reflected in U.S. history and/or culture (film, literature, etc.).