**Alaska Geography and History Test**

**Unit 3: Russian Colonization**

**One page maximum length, double spaced, typed. Due Friday April 10**

**Write a Paragraph(s): Analyze the impact of Russian colonization on Alaska Natives.**

This assignment is very similar to the Baranov Essay, but you don’t have to cite sources. Plan your writing with an outline. Use a thesis (see examples below). Support your thesis with information from your own notes or provided Teacher notes posted on class pages and the class website. DO NOT COPY teacher notes. Use your own words. Formulate a thesis statement, and then choose 2 or 3 categories that support your thesis.

*Examples of thesis statements:*

1. *“The impacts of Russian Colonization on Alaska Natives were positive because of LITERACY but overall more negative due to POPULATION and NATURAL RESOURCES*
2. *“The impacts of Russian Colonization on Alaska Natives were overwhelmingly negative because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*
3. *“The impacts of Russian Colonization on Alaska Natives were mostly positive because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*
4. *“Although the impacts of colonization were somewhat negative because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, overall the impacts were positive because of \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*

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| Paragraph demonstrates no understanding of Russian colonization and includes limited details. Repetitive sentences. Multiple errors of spelling, grammar, or usage. | Paragraph demonstrates very limited understanding of Russian colonization and includes few details. Meaning may be unclear. Significant errors of spelling, grammar, or usage. | Paragraph demonstrates some understanding Russian colonization and includes some details. Language is occasionally unclear and sentences have limited variety. Writing suffers from errors of spelling, grammar, or usage. | Paragraph demonstrates a clear understanding of Russian colonization with details. Language is clear and sentences are well constructed. Writing contains only occasional errors of spelling, grammar, or usage. | Paragraph demonstrates a strong understanding of Russian colonization with details. Language is clear and powerful and there are no significant errors in spelling, grammar, or usage. |