Checklist for the Early America Paper

* Be positive your formatting is correct
* Proofread!
* No contractions
* No 1st or 2nd person
* Native American is always capitalized
* Pilgrim(s) is always capitalized
* Thanksgiving is always capitalized
* *Mayflower* and *Speedwell* are ships and are *italicized*
  + “The” is NOT part of the ship’s name so is NOT capitalized or italicized
* Wampanoag does not need the *s* to be plural
* Proofread!
* Numbers – spell out ten and under
  + 11 and above can be digits
  + dates are digits
* Plymouth – use the Americanized spelling – not Plimoth
  + UNLESS it is part of an article/website title
  + UNLESS it is used in a quote
* Each paragraph should have a SIGNAL PHRASE at the beginning of the source information and parentheses afterwards
* Information in parentheses should match the first part of your Works Cited entry
* Tenses – this is past history, so please write in past tense. Be positive that each person’s section is in PAST tense.
* Proofread!
* Each paragraph must transition smoothly to the next
* The introduction must include a thesis that leads the reader in the rest of the paper
* Conclusion can be written like a backwards introduction
* Proofread until you can proofread no more