

## APUSH Summer Reading Assignment 2017

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### **Part 1 (Extra Credit)**

The summer reading assignment for this year focuses on four different books. The books can be found in the local library or can be purchased as a used book on Amazon.com. Students will have a choice of:

- Miracle at Philadelphia – Catherine Drinker Bowen
- The First American – H.W. Brands
- 1776 – David McCullough
- Paul Revere's Ride – David Hackett Fischer

### **The Assignment**

Each student must choose **one book** and answer the following questions in a 3-5 page paper that must be e-mailed to me no later than Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. The paper should have normal margins and use a font size no larger than 11. In order to receive the maximum amount of credit each student should answer the following questions as completely as possible.

1. Did you like the book? Why or why not?
2. Were you inspired by any of the people in the book?
3. What does this book reveal about the historical context of your books' timeframe?
4. Did the book change any of your attitude toward the characters or toward society?
5. Did the book challenge your assumptions? Did it alter how you viewed history and society? If so how?
6. Is the book important? Why or why not?

### **Part II: APUSH Technique Assignment (Mandatory)**

The summer assignment for this year focuses on the mnemonic device PERSIA. PERSIA notes provide a method for organize and analyze content.

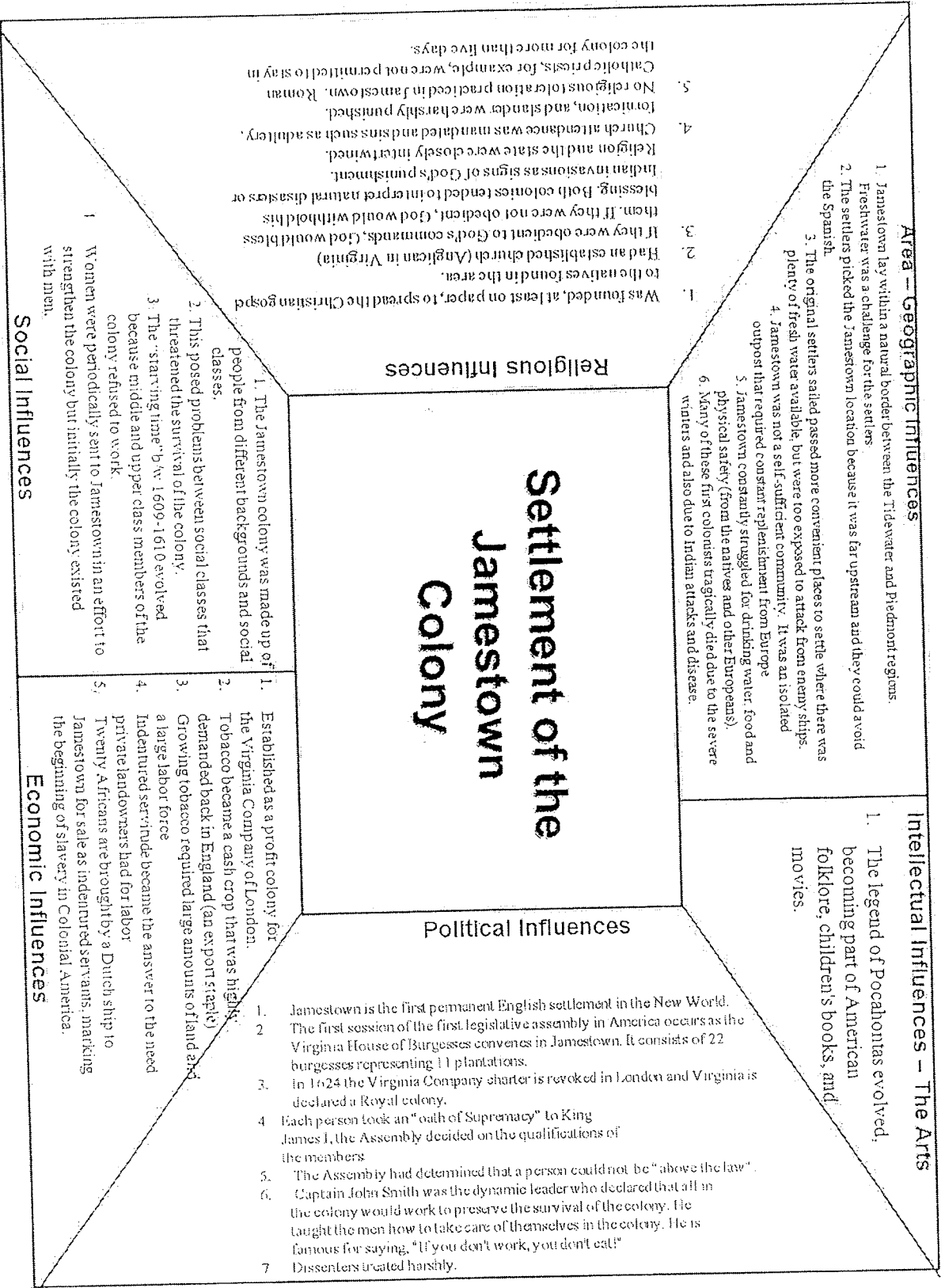
### **The Assignment**

- Read Chapter 1 & 2 and complete a PERSIA for both chapters. (Provided by me)
- PERSIA: Each letter in PERSIA focuses on the main ideas/influences (political, economic, religious, social, intellectual, area/geographic) of any historical subject. Identify any person, place, or idea that defines, exemplifies, ect. any of these main ideas/influences in the chapters that you are reading. You can go in more extensive detail or you can use bullet points. No matter what you choose, please be aware that you are responsible for all the information in the first two chapters.
- See the example of PERSIA for the founding of Jamestown; use the blank Persia organizer provided (PDF)

**The Why:** The main purpose of taking notes is to get the meat of the topic while not copying the entire book. The example (Jamestown) is very detailed for a small subject. You do not have to be that detailed or explain the topics if you truly understand them.

**The Due Date:** All notes should be submitted to me on the first day of school in August. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me through my school e-mail at bmiller@psd202.org.

# Sample Completed PERSIA Graphic Organizer



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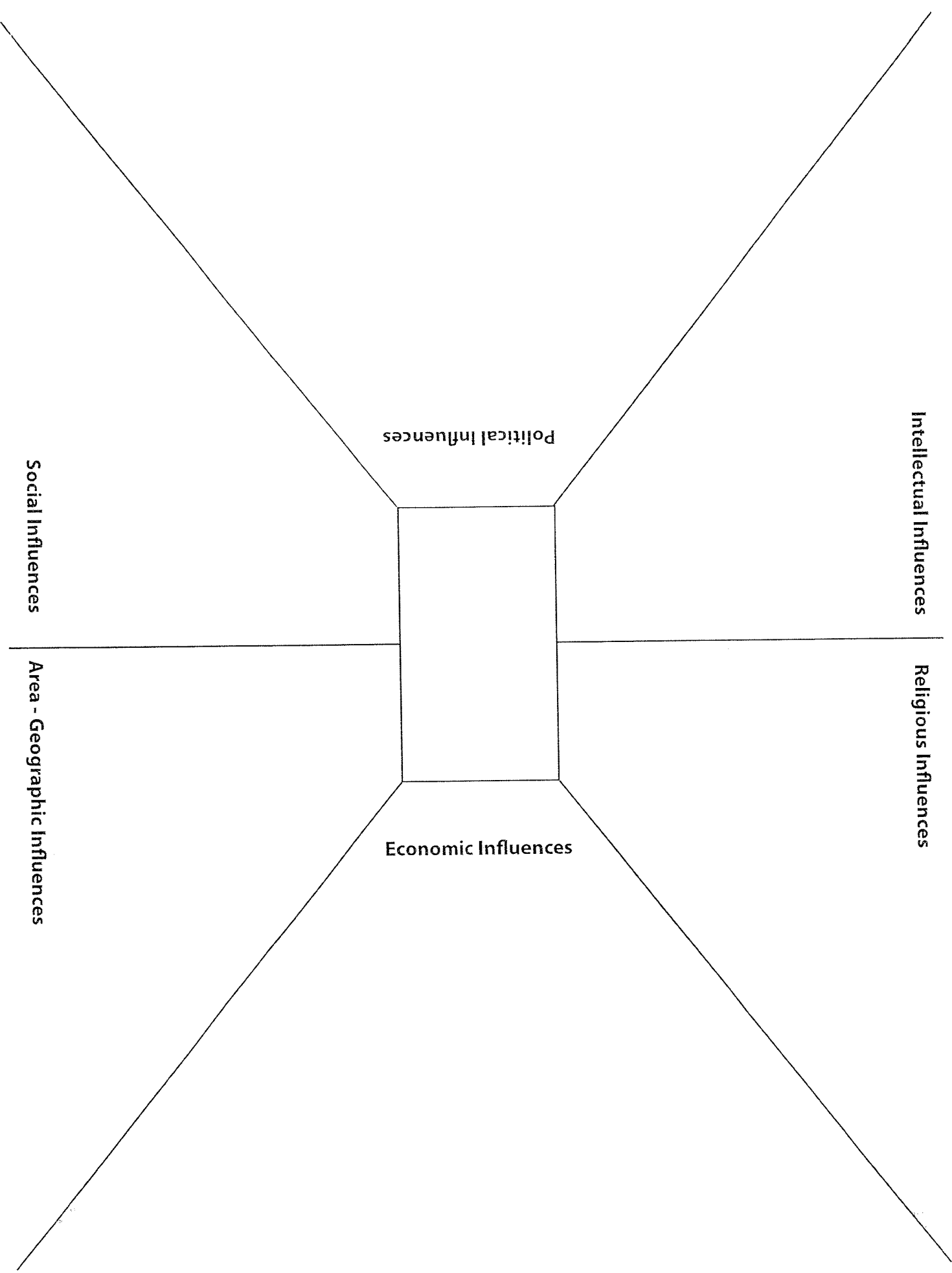
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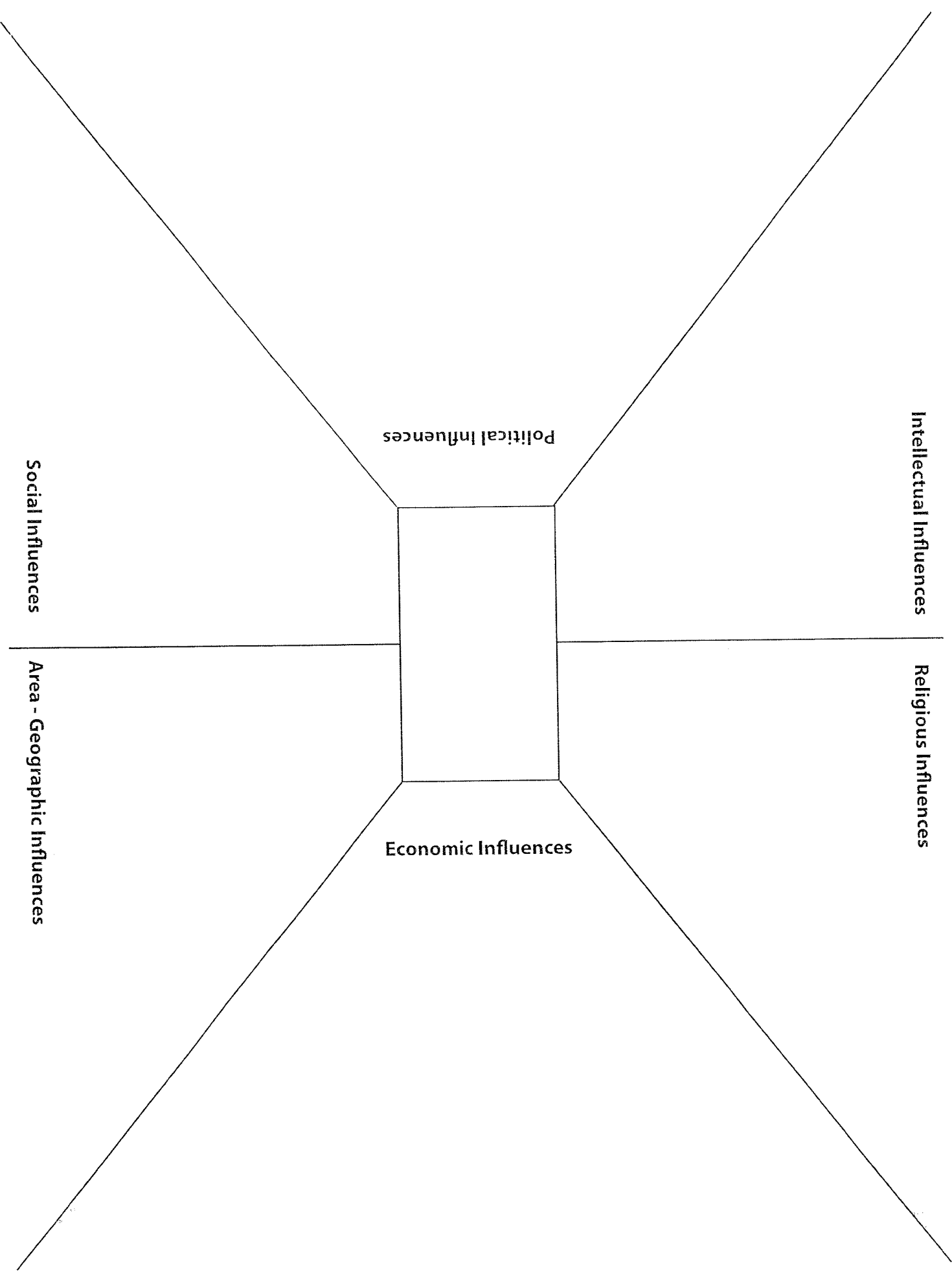
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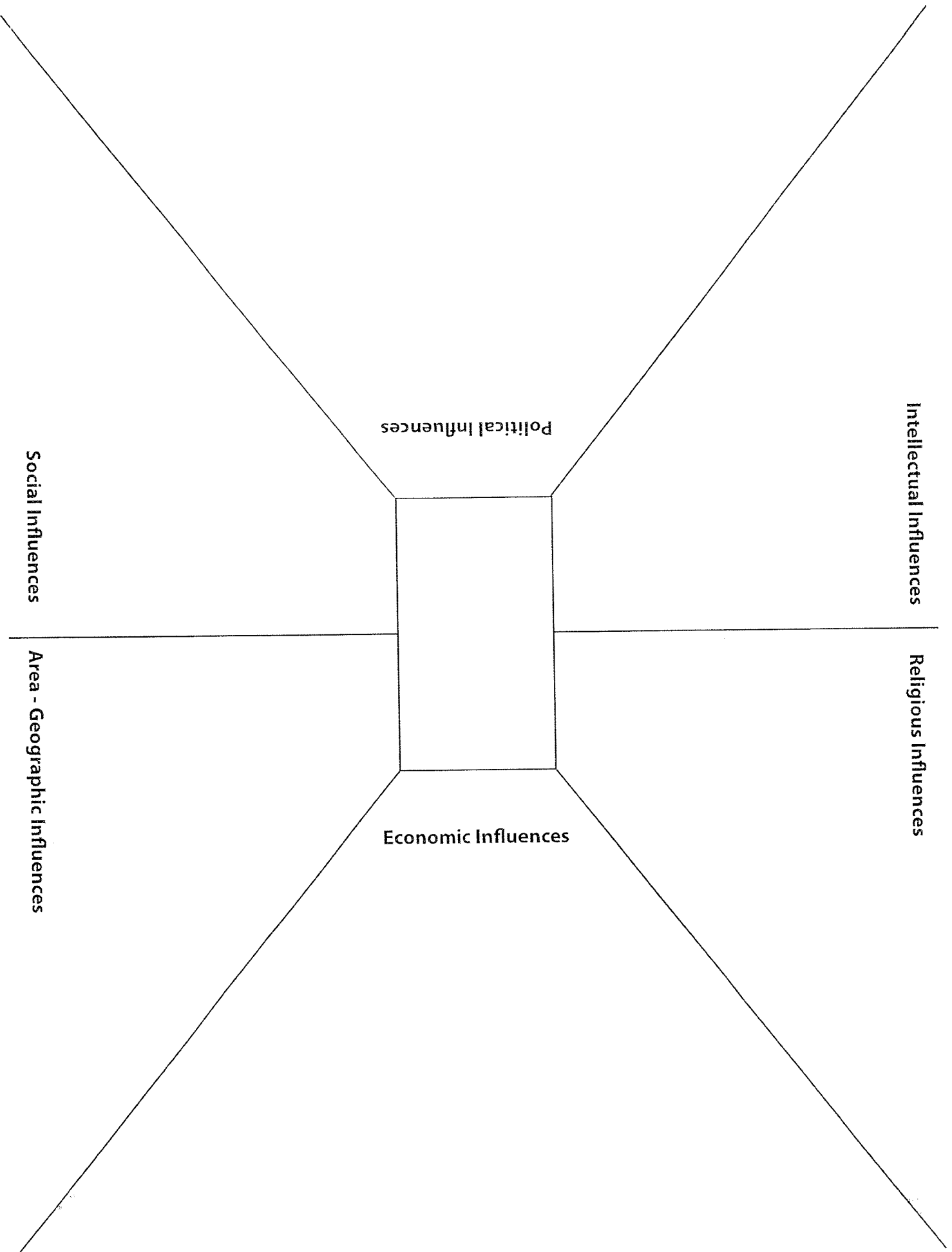
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