**American History II Final Exam Review**

The American II exam is worth 20% of your grade. This review will be done in class only, you will not take this home.

Format will be some standard multiple choice, some document-based multiple choice, and some constructed response questions. Review test taking strategies:

1. Document-Based: Start with the question, underline/annotate, re-read everything
2. Constructed Response: Number the parts of the question and your answer, use specific vocabulary and terms whenever possible, note the differences between being asked to identify, describe, explain the significance, evaluate, compare/contrast

Use this review sheet to create a review page for **each unit**, organized by topics below. Each topic should cover the main ideas listed and include references and descriptions of the key ideas, people, events, etc. **Honors Only:** Complete the “Themes” page by describing changes over time for each of the identified categories. (Academic students should complete **six** total pages; Honors students should complete **seven** total pages.)

**Unit 1 – The Gilded Age (1870-1920)**

New South (1870-1910)

* 14th and 15th Amendments undermined: Black Codes, KKK, poll taxes, literacy tests*, Plessy v. Ferguson*

Great West (1870-1900)

* Farmers vs. RRs: Granger laws, Colored Farmer’s Alliance, Interstate Commerce Act, *Munn v. Illinois*
* Populist Party: What are the goals of the Populists? Omaha Platform – bimetallism, election reforms, William Jennings Bryan’s “Cross of Gold” speech

Gilded Age (1870-1900)

* Who coined the term Gilded Age? What does it mean?
* “New Immigrants” their demographics: Where they came from, literacy, assimilation, skilled/unskilled laborers, etc. – Nativism, Chinese Exclusion Act, Ellis Island and Angel Island
* Big Business: Social Darwinism, Laissez-faire government regulation, horizontal and vertical integration and the industrialists that utilized these business methods, Sherman Antitrust Act (use, effectiveness,) Carnegie, Rockefeller, JP Morgan, “Captains of Industry” or “Robber Barons” argument, Social Darwinism, Gospel of Wealth, *U.S. v. E.C. Knight Co. Case*
* Labor: AFL, Knights of Labor, IWW, Union leaders, major strikes in Steel and RR industries, Haymarket Square Riot - effects?
* Pendleton Civil Service Act

Progressive Era (1890-1920)

* What were the goals of the Progressives?
* Addressing poverty and corruption: Muckrakers (Riis, Nast, Tarbell, Sinclair, Wells) Settlement House Movement (Jane Addams), Social Gospel Movement
* TR’s “Square Deal”, Trustbusting
* Progressive Amendments: 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th
* Meat Inspection Act, Pure Food and Drug Act

**Unit 2 – Imperialism to Isolationism (1890-1930)**

Imperialism (1890-1920)

* American Imperialism: Motivations (Should have 6)
* Causes and effects of the Spanish-American War
* Diplomacy: Big Stick/Gunboat (TR), Dollar (Taft), Missionary/Moral (Wilson)
* Latin America: Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine
* “Great White Fleet”
* Open Door Note

World War I Era (1910-1920)

* Causes for European entry
* Causes for U.S. entry into the war: Long-term and short-term
* Espionage and Sedition Acts
* *Schenck v. U.S.*
* 14 Points
* Treaty of Versailles and impact on Germany
* League of Nations and U.S. participation in the League of Nations

Isolationism (1920-1930)

* Isolationism
* Nativism: Sacco and Vanzetti case

**Unit 3 – 20s and Great Depression (1920-1940)**

Roaring Twenties (1920-1930)

* Causes of the Depression
* Clash of values: Prohibition/bootleggers & speakeasies, Evolution/Fundamentalism & Scopes trial, Flappers
* Jazz Age, Harlem Renaissance
* Marcus Garvey, “Back to Africa Movement”

Great Depression and New Deal (1930-1940)

* Dust Bowl, “Hoovervilles”
* FDR and Deficit Spending
* FDR and the First New Deal: “Fireside Chats,” “Bank Holiday,” FDIC, Stock market regulated by SEC, Works programs (WPA, CCC, TVA), direct relief (FERA)
* Second New Deal: Job creation (WPA), Social Security Act
* FDR and Court Packing Scheme
* Critics of the New Deal

**Unit 4 – WWII and Cold War (1930-1960)**

World War II Era (1930-1945)

* Causes:
* Neutrality Acts > Cash and Carry > Lend-Lease & Atlantic Charter
* Japan attacks Pearl Harbor
* Japanese internment camps 🡪 *Korematsu v. U.S.*
* Mobilization on the Homefront: Rosie the Riveter
* Manhattan Project: Why did the U.S. feel the need to develop the atomic bomb?
* Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Why did Truman decide to use the bombs?

Cold War and 50s Culture (1945-1960)

* Yalta Conference
* Berlin Blockade and Airlift, Soviet “Satellite Nations,” Churchill’s “Iron Curtain” speech, nuclear arms race
* United Nations
* Containment: Marshall Plan, Truman Doctrine, Korean War, NATO vs. Warsaw Pact
* Truman desegregating the military
* Brinkmanship, “Domino Theory”, Eisenhower Doctrine, “Space Race” (*Sputnik*), U-2 Spy Plane Incident
* CIA
* “McCarthyism”
* Baby Boom, conformity, consumerism, television, Rock n’ Roll, suburbs, “Age of the Automobile”

**Unit 5 – Crisis of Authority (1960-1980)**

Civil Rights and the 60s (1954-1968)

* *Brown v. Board of Education*, Montgomery Bus Boycott - Rosa Parks
* Nonviolence, Civil Disobedience, SNCC, SCLC
* MLK vs. Malcom X, “Black Power” and “Black Nationalism,” Black Panthers
* Voting Rights: 24th Amendment, Voting Rights Act of 1965
* LBJ’s Great Society
* Warren Court Rulings: Legal protection for individuals (*Mapp v. Ohio, Gideon v. Wainwright, Miranda v. AZ, Tinker v. Des Moines,*) equal voting districts (*Baker v. Carr*)

Cold War and Vietnam (1960-1975)

* JFK: Berlin Wall, Bay of Pigs, Cuban Missile Crisis, Alliance for Progress
* Tonkin Gulf Resolution, Operation Rolling Thunder
* War Powers Act
* Difficulty of the Vietnam War: Viet Cong, terrain, guerilla warfare, Agent Orange, Napalm, cluster bombs
* “Credibility Gap”: Tet Offensive, Pentagon Papers, “Living Room War”
* Anti-war Movement: Draft, My Lai, secret bombing of Cambodia and Laos, Kent State, Hippies/Counterculture
* Other Protest Movements: Cesar Chavez, American Indian Movement, Title IX
* 26th Amendment

Nixon and Watergate (1968-1980)

* Détente
* SALT 1
* Watergate
* Ford: Stagflation

**Unit 6 – New Hopes, New Fears (1980-present)**

Presidents (1980-present)

* Carter: Iran Hostage Crisis, Three Mile Island and Chernobyl, Camp David Accords
* Reagan: Reaganomics (trickle-down), Evil Empire/“Star Wars” aka Strategic Defense Initiative
* George H.W. Bush: German Reunification, Gulf War, UN coalition in Desert Storm
* Clinton: Bosnia, NAFTA, healthcare reform, Kyoto Treaty
* George W. Bush: 9/11/01, War on Terror, “Bush Doctrine”
* Obama: Affordable Healthcare Act, Osama bin Laden

Issues (1980-present)

* Energy and the Environment: Oil dependency, alternative energy sources
* Changing Population: “Graying of America”– Social Security and Medicare, changes in immigration
* In the Headlines Now (**find a connection to something we’ve learned in this class**): Torture, drones, immigration, Ferguson, gay marriage, legalization, ISIS, voter ID, Ukraine, Ebola, Executive orders, Gaza, social media, North Korea, etc.

**Themes: Trace Change Over Time (HONORS ONLY)**

* Expansion, Migration, and Immigration
* Political Parties, Elections, and Compromises
* Freedom, Equality, and Power
* Foreign Policy, Conflicts, and Impact of War
* Progress, Crisis, and the “American Dream”
* Legislation, Amendments, and Court Decisions