

AP United States History

Review Guide for the Final Examination

The intent of this cumulative examination is to assess the various skills of a historian that you have developed in this college-level course. Some items will be multiple choice, while some will require a short response.

In this exam, you will demonstrate your general knowledge of United States History and your ability to think critically as a historian in the following **skill areas**:

- Interpreting Maps
- Interpreting Charts, Graphs and Data
- Interpreting Primary Sources (both text and visuals)
- Understanding Historical Significance
- Understanding Historical Perspective
- Understanding Cause and Effect

The emphasis of this exam will be on demonstrating your ability to understand a document, map, political cartoon, etc. and not necessarily all of the specific historical facts covered this year.

Areas to Review

Our review for the AP exam fulfills the review of historical information. Each major time period will be covered on this exam. For your review purposes, below is a list of these time periods and major topics and themes in U.S. History:

Time Periods:

- Colonial America, Pre-1492 to 1763
- Revolutionary America, 1763 to 1789
- New Republic to the Era of Good Feelings, 1789 to 1824
- Antebellum America, 1824 to 1860
- Civil War and Reconstruction, 1860 to 1877
- Gilded Age, 1877 to 1900
- Early Twentieth Century to Great Depression, 1900 to 1939
- World War II to Kennedy, 1939 to 1960
- Sixties to Present, 1960 to 2010

Major Topic Areas and/or Themes:

- Population and Representation in Congress
- U.S. Expansionism and its significance to U.S. History
- Development of Slavery in America (from Colonial to Antebellum America to the Civil War)
- The Cold War and its implications on foreign and domestic policy
- The National Economy – Agriculture and Manufacturing
- The role of technology
- Overall causes of major events in U.S. History (Revolutionary War, Civil War, Cold War)