

American History (211) Midterm Exam Review

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Chapter 1—Three Worlds Collide

Discovery of the New World, 1492 (Effects)
Native American and European values
(Differences)
Three groups: Native American, European,
African (Differences, Columbian Exchange)

Chapter 2—The Early Colonies

Spanish outposts/*Presidios*
Jamestown and the Virginia Colony
Bacon's Rebellion
Spanish settlement and blending of cultures
The Puritans
Pilgrims and Plymouth Rock, 1620
King Philip's War, 1676 (Results)
Maryland
Quakers and Puritans (Differences)
Great Migration 1630: Why did Puritans leave?

Chapter 3—Colonial America

Introduction/growth of tobacco
Rice/indigo in South Carolina & Georgia
Movement to the west
Region of conflict: Forks of the Ohio
First Great Awakening
The Middle Passage
Major cash crops of the various Colonies
French and Indian War (Outcome/Results)
Proclamation of 1763
Mercantilism and Salutary Neglect
The Middle Colonies
Leaders in Colonial society

Chapter 4--Independence

British efforts to raise taxes & Colonial reaction
Committees of Correspondence
Boston Massacre
Stamp Act/Intolerable Acts/Townshend Duties
1st Continental Congress (Actions)
Lexington and Concord
Declaration of Independence (Ideas contained in
Declaration/Powers given to National
Government in Declaration)
John Locke
Common Sense
Major battles of War for Independence (Trenton,
Saratoga, Yorktown, Bunker Hill, etc.)

American and British advantages and
disadvantages
Treaty of Paris of 1783

Chapter 5—Forming a Government

Powers granted to US Congress under Articles
How did states vote in Congress under Articles?
Successes of the Articles of Confederation?
Delegates to Constitutional Convention:
agreements? "scrap" the Articles?
Presiding officer at Convention
Virginia Plan and New Jersey Plan (know the
major components and mode of
representation)
The Great Compromise
The Preamble
Sovereignty debate: state vs. federal powers
Federalism
Three Branches and their function
Why checks and balances?
Why the Electoral College?
Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists and Bill of Rights

Chapter 6—The Early Years

Washington's Neutrality Proclamation
Formation of political parties – why?
Significance of the Election of 1796
Alien & Sedition Acts; Virginia & Kentucky Res.
XYZ Affair
Election of 1800 (why a "revolution"?)
Marbury v. Madison (1803)
Louisiana Purchase
Lewis and Clark
Embargo of 1807
Why did US declare war on Britain in 1812?
Results of the War of 1812?
Details of the Treaty of Ghent

Chapter 7—Life in the New Nation

Missouri Compromise (1820)
Adams-Onis Treaty (1819)
Significance of the steam engine; Samuel Slater
Factory System
Transportation in the U.S. pre-railroads
How did railroads help the industrial revolution?
Mechanical reaper; Whitney's Cotton Gin
King Cotton
Economic dependency – north and south

Chapter 7—Life in the New Nation (Cont'd)

Clay's American System (1816) – components?
Monroe Doctrine (1823)
Election of 1824 – corrupt bargain?
Jackson – supporter of the “common man”
What did Jacksonian democracy include?
Indian Removal (why?)
Spoils System
“Pet Banks”
Tariff of Abominations and Nullification Crisis
Failed strategy by Whigs to win in 1836?
Panic of 1837

Chapter 8—Reform Movements

Revivals and the Second Great Awakening
Temperance Movement
Utopias (Purpose)
Abolitionist Movement (reactions in the
South/Southern defense of slavery)
William Lloyd Garrison/Frederick Douglass/
Nat Turner/David Walker
Gag rule
Horace Mann and Education Movement
Dorothea Dix/ Sojourner Truth
Seneca Falls Convention
Ralph Waldo Emerson/Transcendentalism
Immigration – 1830s-1860s (where from?)

Chapter 9—Manifest Destiny

Mechanical Reaper (Benefit to Farmers)
Advantages of Railroads over Canals
Joseph Smith, Brigham Young (Mormons)
Webster-Ashburton Treaty (1842)
Manifest Destiny
“Fifty-Four Forty or Fight”
Treaty of 1846 – settlement?
Texas’ appeal to American settlers under
Mexican rule
Stephen Austin’s Texas Colony (1822)
The Alamo
Sam Houston
Why was Texas not annexed in 1836?
Border dispute: US/Texas and Mexico
Causes/Results of the Mexican-American War
Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1848)
Wilmot Proviso (1846) – significance?
President James K. Polk
General Zachary Taylor
General Winfield Scott
Bear Flag Revolt/John C. Frémont/Gold Rush
Oregon Settlement in Willamette Valley
Gadsden Purchase (1853)

Chapter 10—The Union in Peril

Underground Railroad, Harriet Tubman
Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
Nativism
Wilmot Proviso
Compromise of 1850
(Components/Purpose/Objections to)
Kansas-Nebraska Act and repeal of Mo. Comp.
Bleeding Kansas, divisions in Kansas (causes)
Republican Party – platform on slavery?
Dred Scott v. Sandford (1857) – significance?
John Brown
Election of 1860 – results?
Lower South Secession, Dec. 1860 – Feb. 1861;
Why did first 7 States secede?
Upper South Secession

Chapter 11—War Between the States

Jefferson Davis
Fort Sumter (significance)
Advantages/Disadvantages: Union-Confederates
Original Union war goal in 1861?
Know major battles of the War and results
“Rich man’s war, poor man’s fight”
Emancipation Proc. – which slaves were actually
freed?
Three Part Union plan to conquer South
Habeas corpus
Which document actually ended slavery?
Know the major turning points of the war
General William T. Sherman’s (USA) march
General Robert E. Lee (CSA)
General Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson (CSA)
General Ulysses S. Grant (USA)
Lee’s surrender at Appomattox Courthouse, VA

Chapter 12--Reconstruction

Amendments to the Constitution: 13, 14, 15
Civil Rights Act of 1866
Formation of the Ku Klux Klan
President Lincoln’s Reconstruction Plan
Problems with President Johnson’s plans
How did southern states try to weaken Recon?
Congressional “Radical” Reconstruction
Impeachment and Tenure in Office Act
Hiram Revels
Why sharecropping?
Carpetbaggers and Scalawags
Election of 1876 – election of Rutherford Hayes
End of Reconstruction: Compromise of 1877