American History I

Final Exam Review Packet

**Unit 1**

1. What was the reason for the success of the Jamestown colony?

2. Why were indentured servants important to the development of the South?

3. Who is thomas Paine and why is he important?

4. Why is the Mayflower compact important?

5. What made the Virginia House of Burgesses and the New England Town meetings similar?

6. Describe the main components of Triangular Trade.

7. Describe the economic theory of mercantilism.

8. Why are the Pilgrims also known as separatist?

9. What was the purpose of the Coercive/Intolerable Acts?

10. What was the Declaration of Independence and why is it important to United States history?

11. What are the last ideas/principles in the Declaration of Independence?

12. What are the major differences between the New England colonies and the Chesapeake colonies?

13. What intellectual movement did Benjamin Franklin participate in?

14. What were the main causes and effects of the French and Indian War?

15. Why was King Phillip’s war important?

**Unit 2**

1. Why did anti-federalists criticize the U.S. Constitution?

2. What are the parts to Hamilton’s Economic plan?

3. What issue was resolved by the Great Compromise at the Constitutional Convention?

4. Why did the authors of the Articles of Confederation give more power to the state governments than the national government?

5. What was the Three-Fifths Compromise? What did each side (North/South) get out of this compromise?

6. How were representation, taxation, and the election of the president solved in Constitutional compromises?

7. Why was the Bill of Rights added to the Constitution?

8. What were the weaknesses of the Articles of confederation? Strengths?

9. Explain the significance of Shay’s Rebellion. What did it show?

10. Why did the Alien and Sedition Acts make Democratic-Republicans angry?

11. Why was the electoral college created?

12. What was the Whiskey Rebellion? What did Washington’s actions show?

13. What are the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions argue?

14. What were the three main warnings Washington gave in his famous Farewell Address?

15. Compare and contrast the views of Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson based around concept of power in government.

**Unit 3**

1. What was the significance of Supreme Court’s decision in *Marbury v. Madison*?

2. Why was Jefferson concerned about purchasing the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803?

3. What was the court’s decision in the Gibbons v. Ogden case?

4. What was the Embargo Act of 1807? How did it affect Jefferson’s presidency?

5. What caused the U.S to get involved in the War of 1812?

6. How did the War of 1812 change the United States at home?

7. What ended the war of 1812?

8. What was the Monroe Doctrine? Why was it important?

9. Explain the important parts of the Missouri Compromise.

10. What were the voting requirements before 1820?

11. What was the American System? Who created it?

12. How did Jackson handle the Nullification crisis?

13. What transportation innovation in the early 1800s resulted in New York City becoming the commercial centre of the United States?

14. During the 1830s who supported rights for Native Americans? In contrast, how did Andrew Jackson treat Native Americans?

15. How are the Alien and Sedition Acts and the tariff issue in South Carolina similar?

**Unit 4**

1. How did the 2nd Great Awakening influence social reforms in the 1830s and 1840s?

2. What was the goal of Utopian communities?

3. How did the Transcendentalist movement influence American society?

4. Explain the roles of William Lloyd Garrison, Frederick Douglass, and David Walker in the abolition movement.

5. What is the Temperance movement?

6. Many states added slave codes in response to what event?

7. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott are associated with what reform movement?

8. How did the U.S acquire Texas?

9. Why was the Seneca Fall Convention important?

10. What types of people moved westward on the Oregon Trail? Sante Fe Trail?

11. The slogan “54-40 or fight” referred to the argument between the United States and Britain over what piece of land?

12. How did President James K. Polk use his executive power to encourage war with Mexico?

13. What caused the Mexican war in 1846?

14. What was Manifest Destiny? How did it influence the settlement of the West?

15. Why did people go to California in 1849?

**Unit 5**

1. What were the main components of the Compromise of 1850?

2. Who is Harriet Beecher Stowe?

3. What was popular sovereignty? How does this idea connect to slavery and westward expansion?

4. How did the Dred Scott decision increase tensions between the North and the South?

5. How did Northerners and Southerners react to John Brown’s raid on Harper’s Ferry?

6. What was the immediate reaction to Lincoln’s election in 1860?

7. What advantages did the North and South have at the beginning of the Civil War?

8. What was Lincoln’s goal at the beginning of the Civil War?

9. How did President Lincoln limit freedoms of Americans during the Civil War?

10. When did the civil War officially begin?

11. What was the Emancipation Proclamation? Who did it free?

12. How did the capture of Vicksburg help meet the goals of the Anaconda Plan?

13. What did Free-Soilers believe?

14. What was the purpose/significance of the Gettysburg Address?

15. What are the parts of the anaconda plan?

16. Why was Sherman’s March important?

**Unit 6**

1. Which law formally abolished slavery?

2. What is the Freedman’s bureau?

3. Which law made “all persons born or naturalized in the United States” citizens of the nation?

4. Why did Lincoln favor a less strict plan for Reconstruction?

5. What is the Tenure of Office Act?

6. Who gained voting rights with the 15th Amendment?

7. What was the primary purpose of the Freedman’s Bureau?

8. What were poll taxes, literacy tests, and grandfather clauses used to do?

9. How did the Homestead Act encourage settlement in the West?

10. Who were the exodusters?

11. Why are the slave narratives important?

12. How did railroads affect the settlement of the West?

13. Why did the need for cowboys decrease in the West after the late 1800s?

14. What are some examples of how the Democrats opposed Reconstruction?

15. What was the Dawes Act?

**Big Picture Review**

Presidential Review:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| President | Years in Office | Major Event #1 | Major Event #2 |
| George Washington |  |  |  |
| John Adams |  |  |  |
| Thomas Jefferson |  |  |  |
| James Madison |  |  |  |
| James Monroe |  |  |  |
| John Quincy Adams |  |  |  |
| Andrew Jackson |  |  |  |
| James Polk |  |  |  |
| Zachary Taylor |  |  |  |
| James Buchanan |  |  |  |
| Abraham Lincoln |  |  |  |
| Andrew Johnson |  |  |  |
| Rutherford B. Hayes |  |  |  |

American Conflicts: Major Wars in American History

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| Conflict | Years | Significance | Treaty/Outcome |
| French and Indian War |  |  |  |
| Revolutionary War |  |  |  |
| War of 1812 |  |  |  |
| Mexican-American War |  |  |  |
| Civil War |  |  |  |

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| Westward Expansion   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | territory | date | Acquired from? | | A |  |  |  | | B |  |  |  | | C |  |  |  | | D |  |  |  | | E |  |  |  | | F |  |  |  | | G |  |  |  | | A  B  C  D  E  F  G |

Documents from American History

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| Name | date/time period | Description/significance |
| Mayflower Compact |  |  |
| Declaration of Independence |  |  |
| Treaty of Paris (1783) |  |  |
| Articles of Confederation |  |  |
| The Constitution |  |  |
| Bill of Rights |  |  |
| Judiciary Act (1789) |  |  |
| GWash’s Farewell Address |  |  |
| Alien and Sedition Acts |  |  |
| Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions |  |  |
| Louisiana Purchase |  |  |
| Embargo Act |  |  |
| Treaty of Ghent |  |  |
| Adams-Onis Treaty |  |  |
| Missouri Compromise |  |  |
| Monroe Doctrine |  |  |
| Indian Removal Act |  |  |
| Declaration of Sentiments |  |  |
| Treaty of Velasco |  |  |
| Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo |  |  |
| Compromise of 1850 |  |  |
| Kansas-Nebraska Act |  |  |
| Emancipation Proclamation |  |  |
| Gettysburg Address |  |  |
| Compromise of 1877 |  |  |
| Homestead Act |  |  |
| Treaty of Ft. Laramie |  |  |
| Dawes Act |  |  |
| Morrill Act |  |  |

Trace the development of political parties in U.S. History.

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| party | platform/basic beliefs | years | people |
| Federalists |  |  |  |
| Democratic-Republicans |  |  |  |
| Democrats |  |  |  |
| Whigs |  |  |  |
| Free Soilers |  |  |  |
| Republicans |  |  |  |