

Exam Review Guide

The exam review guides are NOT intended to be a comprehensive list of test questions (or material to memorize for each exam). Rather, they are a list of terms and questions that students should understand in order to answer much more complex questions. Do not simply memorize a simplistic textbook answer for each term/question, but rather be sure you understand the term and how it ties into larger issues and questions about that time period or theme.

Exam 1 Review

Who discovered America?

How did America's first inhabitants arrive here?

What complex societies emerged (who/what/when)?

What role did the environment play in Ancient and early American Indian societies?

Cahokia; 98th Meridian; Columbian Exchange

What were some consequences of contact in the 15th and 16th centuries?

Compare the exploration and colonization of America by European nations

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Compare and Contrast the early English colonies (Roanoke, Jamestown, Plymouth).

How did governance evolve in Jamestown?

Starving Time; Joint Stock Company; Bacon's Rebellion

Puritans; King Phillip's War

Recognize basic characteristics of the British colonies by region (north, south, middle)

Identify examples of England exercise mercantilism?

How did the Glorious Revolution (1688-89) impact the colonies?

Mercantilism; Navigation Acts; Salutary Neglect; Zenger Trial

How did the practice of slavery vary in the different colonies

Triangle Trade; Middle Passage

Describe American religion in the 1700s

Great Awakening

What were the consequences of the French & Indian War?

Pontiac's Rebellion; Stono Rebellion; Albany plan; Backcountry

How did Britain assert control over the American colonies during the 1760s?

How did American colonists respond to British efforts to assert control during the 1760s? Be specific.

Stamp Act; Townshend Acts; Stamp Act Congress

Why did England pass the Coercive Acts?

Boston Massacre; Gaspee Affair; Boston Tea Party; Coercive Acts

Lexington & Concord; First Continental Congress; Common Sense

What were the major battles of the Revolutionary War?

How did the colonists win the Revolutionary War?

Valley Forge; Yorktown; Treaty of Paris (1783)

Exam 2 Review

What influences informed the creation of the Constitution?

Compare & contrast the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.

Articles of Confederation

Shays' Rebellion

Constitutional Convention

Was the young American Republic a revolutionary society? How so (or not)?

What was Hamilton's financial plan?

What socio-political cleavages emerged after the revolution?

Alexander Hamilton

Northwest Ordinance

Identify and discuss the events in the presidency of Washington, Adams, and Jefferson.

In what ways did the first US Presidents act contrary to their respective political philosophies (once they were president)?

How did the French Revolution impact American politics?

Jay Treaty; Little Turtle's Confederacy; Whiskey Rebellion; Tecumseh; XYZ Affair; Alien & Sedition Acts; Marbury v. Madison; Lewis & Clark Expedition

What caused the War of 1812?

Hartford Convention

How did transportation change in the 19th century market revolution?

What new technology emerged in the 19th century market revolution (and what role did it play)?

American System; 19th Century Market Revolution; Erie Canal

"deskilling of labor"; Putting Out System; Family System; Lowell/Waltham System

How did the industrial revolution transform gender roles?

How did the industrial revolution transform socio-economic roles?

What can we learn from the Panic of 1819 and Panic of 1837?

John Marshall Court; Missouri Compromise; Corrupt Bargain; Indian Removal

What conflicts characterized Jackson's presidency?

List and identify the presidents from J.Q. Adams to Tyler

Jacksonian Democracy; Doctrine of Nullification; Whigs

Exam 3 Review

Where did American immigrants come from during the mid-nineteenth century, and where did they settle?

Describe popular entertainment for Northern men and women in the early/mid nineteenth century.

2nd Great Awakening; Domestic Fiction; Minstrel Shows

1840s utopian communities

List and discuss the reform movements from 1800-1850

Name & describe several key reformers, 1800-1850

Transcendentalism; temperance; Auburn System; Seneca Falls Convention

Compare and contrast the North & South in the Antebellum years.

Identify the three regions of the South.

How did Christianity evolve in the South during the early 19th century?

How did Southerners justify slavery?

Describe the Southern social hierarchy

Cotton Gin; Second Middle Passage

How did Christianity impact African slave culture?

How did white oppression impact lives of slaves in the Antebellum South?

How did African Americans resist slavery?

Denmark Vesey; Harriet Tubman; Spirituals

How did the United States acquire a claim to the Oregon Territory?

What parameters did Mexico establish for American settlers to Texas?

Manifest Destiny; Westward Trails; Alamo

How did the United States acquire Oregon? Texas? California?

Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo; Wilmot Proviso; Popular Sovereignty; Compromise of 1850;

Fugitive Slave Act; Filibustering

Nativism; Know-Nothings; Kansas-Nebraska Act; Bleeding Kansas; Republican Party; Dred Scott; Panic of 1857; Lincoln Douglas Debates; John Brown

Identify several military commanders

How was the Civil War a “modern war”?

Identify several important Civil War Battles

Election of 1860; Crittenden Compromise; Fort Sumter; Anaconda Plan; King Cotton Diplomacy

What was the purpose of the Civil War?

Why did Lincoln emancipate the slaves?

What bills did the Republican Congress pass during the Civil War?

How did the war impact society? Women? Blacks?

Emancipation Proclamation; Copperheads; 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment; March to the Sea

What were the most significant battles of the Civil War?

Why did reconstruction end?

Discuss several early African American Activists

Sharecropping; Radical Republicans; Black Codes; Freedmen's Bureau; Reconstruction Acts of 1867; carpetbaggers & scalawags; Ku Klux Klan