

Study Guide – HIST 1302 - Optional Final Exam

The optional final exam will consist of 50 questions drawn from the entirety of the course. Although the following are designed to help you study for the exam, you are responsible for all material covered in class.

1. What is the relationship between history, facts, and the past?
2. How did Reconstruction succeed, and how did it fail?
3. What was the relationship between land and African American conceptions of freedom?
 - a. Reading: *"Petition on Behalf of the Freedmen to Andrew Johnson"* (1865)
4. What obstacles did African Americans face in postbellum (post-Civil War) South?
5. Understand the importance of railroads in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century United States.
6. What happened to the Plains Indians and other independent Indians after the Civil War?
 - a. Reading: *Chief Joseph, "An Indian's View of Indian Affairs"* (1879)
7. How did the U.S. economy change during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries (roughly 1877-1918)?
8. Why is the late-nineteenth century sometimes called the "Gilded Age"?
9. What drew so many immigrants to the United States? Who were the "new" immigrants (how did their place of origins differ from earlier immigrants)?
10. What was a tenement? Who was Jacob Riis, and what was *How the Other Half Lives*?
11. What was social Darwinism?
 - a. Reading: *William Graham Sumner on Social Darwinism* (ca. 1880)
12. What was "Jim Crow"?
13. What strategies did Booker T. Washington & W.E.B. DuBois urge African Americans to adopt during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries?
14. How did American foreign policy shift in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries?
15. What obstacles confronted farmers during the age of industrialization? What was the crop lien? What was Populism? What was the People's (or Populist) Party?
 - a. Reading: *The Populist Platform* (1892)
16. How would you describe the relationship between capital and labor during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries?
17. What was progressivism? Who were the progressives? How did progressives view the "Gilded Age"?
18. How did progressives approach individualism and the idea of "liberty"?
 - a. Reading: *Woodrow Wilson, "The New Freedom"* (1912)
 - b. Reading: *Teddy Roosevelt, "The New Nationalism"* (1912)
19. What was "muckraking"?
20. Understand the origins of World War I and who the major powers fought for
21. How did Woodrow Wilson justify American participation in WWI?
 - a. Reading: *Woodrow Wilson, "Safe for Democracy"* (1917)
22. What was warfare like in WWI?

23. What were American attitudes toward immigration like in the 1920s?
24. What signaled the beginning of the Great Depression?
25. What underlying factors contributed to the Great Depression?
26. What was life like for many in the Great Depression?
27. What approaches did Franklin Roosevelt take toward the Great Depression? What was the New Deal?
28. What were some of the legacies of the New Deal?
29. What ended the Great Depression?
30. What pushed America into World War II?
31. Who were the major powers, and who did they fight for, in World War II?
32. Where did Germany suffer its greatest military defeats?
33. Understand the atomic bombing of Japan, its justification, its criticisms, and its legacies
34. What was the Cold War?
35. What were some of the factors that led to postwar (post-World War II) economic growth?
36. How did economic growth from 1945-1979 differ from economic growth from 1979 to the present?
37. What is Keynesian economics?
38. What was the Mexican American Civil Rights movement like in the 1940s and 1950s?
 - a. *LULAC, World War II and Mexican- Americans (1945)*
39. What was the general strategy of the African American civil rights movement in the American South?
40. What particular forms did civil rights protests take in the American South?
41. What was the Civil Rights Act of 1964?
42. What was the Great Society?
43. What were some of the roots of the counterculture of the 1960s?
44. How did the Mexican American civil rights movement evolve in the 1960s?
 - b. *César Chavez, "Letter from Delano" (1969)*
45. What happened to the African American civil rights movements in the late-60s and 70s?
46. What was the backdrop of the conservative resurgence (or "backlash") in the late 1960s?
47. What was the "New Conservatism" like in the late-1970s and 1980s?
48. What did Reagan believe was the role of the federal government in American life?
 - c. *Ronald Reagan, Inaugural Address (1981)*
49. How has economic growth been distributed in the United States since the 1980s?
50. What are some of the features that mark the "millennials" as a definable "generation"? In other words, how are millennials different than the rest of the country?
 - d. You can review this at: <http://www.pewresearch.org/next-america/#The-New-Us>