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Review Guide for US History 35 Week Exam

1. Define mercantilism.

Having colonies to benefit the mother country financially

2. What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence?

To declare independence from Britain

3. Give 3 weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.

Weak central government, states printed their own money, states did not send troops to the national army

4. Why was the “Great Compromise” needed during the Constitutional Convention?

Created a bicameral legislature (2 house congress) to solve issue of representation

5. Explain how a federalist form of government is structured. (Hint: Delegated, Concurrent, Reserved)

Division of power between state and national government

6. What is the purpose of the system of checks and balances?

To prevent one branch from becoming too powerful

7. How do implied powers (aka elastic clause and necessary and proper clause) allow for the Constitution to be flexible with the changing times?

Amendments, implied powers, and the unwritten constitution allow the constitution to change with the times

8. What is the unwritten Constitution? (be sure to give examples)

2 term presidency (until amendment), cabinet, political parties

9. What was the significance of the case Marbury v. Madison?

Established judicial review (the ability of the Supreme Court to decide if laws are constitutional)

10. What did Alexander Hamilton do to help get our nation on the right track economically?

Created the national bank

11. What was the significance of the Louisiana Purchase?

Doubled the size of the nation, Mississippi River, Great Plains

12. Define Manifest Destiny.

Desire to expand from the Atlantic to the Pacific

13. What measures were taken to ease sectional conflicts as new territories were added to the nation in relation to slavery? (Specifically: Missouri Compromise and the Kansas-Nebraska Act)

Compromises to prevent sectional conflict (Civil War)

14. Explain the events of the Trail of Tears.

Native Americans were pushed off of their reservations and moved west

15. What was the significance of the Dred Scot Supreme Court decision?

Made sectional compromise more difficult, led to the Civil War

16. What were the 3 plans for Reconstruction following the Civil War?

Lincoln- lenient treatment of the South

Radical Republicans- harsh, punishing treatment of the South

17. Explain the purpose of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution.

13th Abolish slavery, 14th Citizenship, 15th Right to Vote

18. What was the Homestead Act?

Encouraged settlement on the frontier (Great Plains)

19. Define the term Robber Baron.

Industrialists who were seen as taking advantage of their workers, monopolists

20. Define the term laissez faire.

Government not getting involved in the economy

21. What was the purpose of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and the Interstate Commerce Commission.?

To regulate monopolies and big business---stop taking advantage of farmers

22. Why did labor unions form in the 1800's?

To protect the rights of workers- long hours, low pay, unsafe working conditions

23. Why did industrialists favor open immigration in the 1800's?

Because immigrants would work for less money than people from the US

24. What were 3 effects of industrialization in the United States?

Urbanization, inventions, pollution

25. What was the purpose of the Progressive Movement?

To fix problems from the Industrial Age (monopolies, corruption, consumer protection)

26. Define the term muckraker.

Journalists who exposed the problems brought about by the industrial age

27. What was the goal of women's rights leaders in the late 1800's to the early 1900's? *Be sure to know about the Seneca Falls Convention.

Suffrage= the right to vote Seneca Falls Convention- met in 1848 to discuss women's rights

28. Explain how yellow journalism contributed to the start of the Spanish American War.

Exaggerated news stories----made Americans believe that Spanish were bad and that we needed to support Cuba and go to war

29. How did America illustrate imperialism in the late 1800's through early 1900's?

Spanish American War, Alaska, Hawaii, Panama Canal

30. What was the purpose of the Temperance Movement? Was it successful in achieving its goal?

Make the sale and production of alcohol illegal, Amendment (18th)—yes, rise in crime, speakeasies, 21st Amendment---no

31. What was the Treaty of Versailles?

Ended World War I, blamed Germany for the war, created the League of Nations

32. Define nativism.

The belief that people born here are better than immigrants (anti-immigrant feeling)

33. What was the significance of the Harlem Renaissance?

Movement for African Americans in art, music and literature

34. What were 3 causes of the Great Depression?

Stock Market Crash, under consumption, gap between the rich and the poor

35. Define the term Hooverville.

Blamed President Hoover for the depression and named the shantytowns after him

36. Give 3 examples of how the New Deal worked to bring relief, recovery, and reform to America during the Great Depression.

Relief- direct cash handouts (jobs/money) Recovery- end the Great Depression (jobs) Reform- prevent future depressions (regulations of banks/stock market)

37. Why did FDR create his court packing plan?

Some of his New Deal plans were found unconstitutional

38. What did Schenck v. US and Korematsu v. US have in common?

Both limited civil liberties (personal freedoms) during times of war

39. What did the Red Scare following World War I and McCarthyism following World War II have in common?

Fear of communism, limited personal freedoms

40. Define civil disobedience.

Nonviolently protesting against unjust laws

41. What was the significance of Brown v. Board of Education?

Overtured Plessy v. Ferguson, segregation in schools was unconstitutional

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