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Review Guide: US History Mid-Term 2016

Colonialism

1. How did colonists illustrate their ability to govern themselves?
2. Explain the meaning of the phrase “no taxation without representation”?
3. What did colonists do to illustrate their opposition to British taxation?

Revolution

4. What influenced the ideas presented in the Declaration of Independence?

Constitution

5. Why were the Articles of Confederation created to be a weak central government?
6. What was the purpose of the Federalist Papers?
7. What compromises were involved in the creation and ratification of the Constitution?
8. What is the purpose of the Census?
9. What is the system of checks and balances?
10. What is the function of the elastic clause, amendments, and the unwritten constitution?
11. What is federalism, how does it work?
12. How do the terms reserved, concurrent, and delegated apply to federalism?

New Nation (1790-1820)

13. What was President Washington’s rationale for remaining neutral during his presidency?
14. What did Alexander Hamilton’s financial plan create?
15. What led to the creation of political parties?
16. What did Washington warn against in his Farewell Address?
17. Why did Jefferson want to purchase the Louisiana Territory from France?
18. Why was the purchase of the Louisiana Territory controversial?

19. What impact did the rulings of Chief Justice John Marshall have on the government?

20. What is the significance of Marbury vs. Madison?

Sectionalism (1820-1860)

21. What was the Spoils System?

22. What was President Andrew Jackson's policy towards Native Americans?

23. What was the Fugitive Slave Act?

24. Why were abolitionists opposed to the annexation of Texas?

25. How was the Mexican American war an example of Manifest Destiny?

26. Define: Missouri Compromise, Compromise of 1850, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Dred Scot v. Sandford, Bleeding Kansas

Civil War

27. What advantages and disadvantages did each side have during the Civil War?

28. Explain Lincoln's use of "war powers" during the Civil War.

29. Define the term "total war".

Reconstruction

30. What were the three Reconstruction amendments and what rights did they grant?

31. What were the three plans for Reconstruction?

32. Why was Andrew Johnson impeached?

33. What actions did the South take to restrict voting rights of freed slaves?

34. What were the Jim Crow Laws?

35. What was sharecropping?

36. What was the Compromise of 1877?

Essay: Presidential Decisions—Choose 2--Washington (Neutrality), Jefferson (Louisiana Purchase), Jackson (Indian Removal), Polk (Mexican-American War), Lincoln (Emancipation Proclamation)