

AP U.S. History – Final Study Guide

Fall 2013

Final Exam Details

- Covers Ch. 16-22
- Written: 1 DBQ (pre-Civil War/slavery) – *DBQ taken from actual AP exam between 2000 and 2013*
- Multiple Choice: 60 questions – *MCs taken from past AP exams*
- Tuesday, January 28th @ 10:00 AM

Concepts/Terms you should know/be able to explain

(concepts are grouped under topics – several concepts may be addressed in multiple chapters)

Manifest Destiny/Mexican American War

- Terms of Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1848)
- Reasons for Jackson’s 1836 reluctance to admit Texas into the Union
- Impact of “manifest destiny” on Mexican feelings towards U.S. territorial expansion

Pre-Civil War

- Causes of the Civil War
- Southern justifications for slavery (social/political/economic)
- Slave resistance methods/slave trade methods for population expansion (natural increase)
- Catalyst for secession of South Carolina
- Effects of expanded White male suffrage on antebellum politics
- William Lloyd Garrison/American Anti-Slavery Society
- American (Know-Nothing) Party & their platform
- 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act – supporters & detractors, purpose, implementation, & outcome
- U.S. House of Representatives’ “gag rule”
- Spread of antislavery movement—what contributed to it?
- 1850s vs. 1860 Republican platform (similarities/differences)
- Goal of American Colonization Society
- Southern economy prior to war (cash crops/little diversification or industry)
- Contributing factors to Northern fear of slave power conspiracy in 1840s/1850s
- Compromise of 1850—reasons for, provisions of, effects of
- Popular sovereignty
- *Dred Scott v. Sandford* (1857): background, stipulations, effects of

Civil War

- 1863 New York City draft riots (“a rich man’s war, but a poor man’s fight”)
- Border states: reasons for pro-Union sentiments
- Republican economic development legislation passed during the war
- Southern expectations at the start of the war
- Implications of possible British involvement on the side of the Confederacy & what ultimately discouraged it

Reconstruction

- Restriction of African American voting rights guaranteed by the 15th Amendment
- Sharecropping/tenant farming/crop lien system
- “New South” – what did that concept entail?
- 13th/14th/15th Amendment - provisions & implications of each
- Carpetbaggers/scalawags/exodusters
- Reconstruction plans: similarities/differences between Lincoln/Johnson/Congress (Radicals)
- Southern economy after the war (more industry/rise of sharecropping)
- 1873 Slaughterhouse Cases/1883 Civil Rights cases impact on 14th Amendment & African Americans
- Women’s rights activists vs. 15th Amendment
- Rise of the Ku Klux Klan during Radical Reconstruction
- Reconstruction Acts of 1867
- Constitutional question of how to restore former Confederate states to the Union
- Freedmen status after the war
- Lasting effects of “carpetbag” governments after “Redeemers” took back over