

US History – Midterm Study Guide

Spring 2013

Final Exam Details

- Covers Ch. 13, 14, 16, 18, & 19
- 25 matching, 30 multiple choice, 7 short essay (you choose 4): 75 points total
- Tuesday, March 26th @ 10:00 AM (2nd) // Thursday, March 28th @ 8:00 AM (5th)

Concepts/Terms you should know/be able to explain

(pertains to multiple choice/essays—vocabulary for matching section is taken from throughout each chapter)

Urban America (Ch. 13)

- Chinese Exclusion Act & its stipulations
- Individualism vs. Social Darwinism vs. naturalism/realism
- Labor unions' response to immigration
- Political machines & their role in the cities
- POTUSs winning electoral vote and losing the popular vote (Hayes/Harrison)
- "Gilded Age" – what does it mean, why do we refer to that time by that name?
- Causes of problems of urban life in the late 1800s

Becoming a World Power (Ch. 14)

- Purpose for U.S. actions in the Pacific & Latin America
- Purpose for support of Cuban rebels
- Open Door policy
- President Fillmore & the opening of Japan (why)
- "Big-stick" policy – how was it applied?

World War I & Its Aftermath (Ch. 16)

- Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand (started the war)
- Espionage & Sedition Acts
- Method by which U.S. gained control over the Philippines, arguments for annexation
- Armistice signing (Nov. 11, 1918)
- Great Migration
- Formation of the FBI in response to Communist organizations
- *Schenck v. the United States*
- Zimmerman telegram contents & the U.S. response to it

The Great Depression Begins (Ch. 18)

- Reconstruction Finance Corporation & Bonus Army
- Dust Bowl & its effect on farming
- Effect of new technology on farming (overproduction) – how does this help cause the Depression?
- Stocks on margin/margin call
- Black Tuesday/stock market crash
- Bank collapses & relation to stock market investment
- Hoover's dilemma: spend money or not to fix Depression?

Roosevelt & the New Deal (Ch. 19)

- Goals achieved by union members (sit-down strikes, binding arbitration)
- Recession of 1937 (& what triggered it)
- FDR & his attempts to fix the banks
- Creation of the SEC to regulate the stock market
- First New Deal vs. Second New Deal
- Legacy of the New Deal & its effectiveness/lasting effects on governments