

Final Exam Review Sheet

History 021: U.S. History 1

Winter 2013

1. Why did European nations establish colonies in the Americas? What were their goals?
2. Compare and contrast the methods used by the Spanish, English, and French to create colonies in the Americas.
3. Compare and contrast the English colonies of Virginia and Massachusetts. Consider their goals, economies, settlement patterns, forms of labor, and relations with Native Americans.
4. Describe the Enlightenment. What were their ideas on government, economics, and religion?
5. Why did the colonies refuse to join together in Benjamin Franklin's Albany Plan for Union in 1754?
6. Why did Americans object to taxes passed by Parliament? Explain their ideas on rights and representation. How did Americans protest the various taxes established by Parliament?
7. Why were Americans reluctant to declare independence? Why did some American colonists remain loyal to Great Britain?
8. Why did the colonies finally declare independence in 1776? What caused them to break away from Great Britain? What did they gain?
9. Why did American leaders want a weak federal government when they created the Articles of Confederation? Explain how the Articles of Confederation limited the power of the federal government.
10. Why did the United States replace the Articles of Confederation with the Constitution? Explain how the Constitution fixed the problems that existed with the Articles of Confederation.
11. Compare Alexander Hamilton's plan for America with Thomas Jefferson's plan. Describe their ideas on the power of the federal government and the economy.
12. Describe how the American economy changed between 1800 and 1860. Describe changes in both the North and the South.

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13. Describe Andrew Jackson's views on the American system of government. What were his views on the relationship between the people and the government? Were his ideas new or the same as those held by previous leaders?
14. Why did the North oppose expansion of slavery into the territories? Why did the South want slavery to expand? Consider economic, political, and moral factors.
15. What were the goals of the North and South in the Civil War, and how did they change during the war?
16. What gains were made by African Americans during the Civil War and Reconstruction? What obstacles still remained? Did the gains made in this era last? Why or why not?