

**Weekly Assignment #4**  
**History 022: U.S. History 2**  
Winter 2013

Due: Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

This assignment is worth 40 points. Answer the questions below. Please type your responses and submit them in class. Submissions that are not typed will lose 5 points. You may work on this in groups and use sources outside of the textbook, but your final answers **must** be written independently and be in your own words. Written answers that are overly similar to the work of other students will lose 10 points per answer. Be sure to proofread your final draft.

**Section One – Multiple Choice (20 Points)**  
**Chapter 26**

1. What happened at My Lai?
  - a. U.S. troops fought back against the Tet Offensive.
  - b. My Lai was a small hamlet in South Vietnam in which American soldiers killed at least 300 innocent civilians in the spring of 1968.
  - c. My Lai was the location of the prison for American pilots captured by the North Vietnamese.
  - d. My Lai suffered the worst Napalm attacks in the history of the war.
  
2. Which southern city was sometimes referred to as "the most segregated city in America"?
  - a. Laurel, Mississippi
  - b. Little Rock, Arkansas
  - c. Montgomery, Alabama
  - d. Birmingham, Alabama
  
3. The person most responsible for the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was
  - a. Strom Thurmond.
  - b. John F. Kennedy.
  - c. Lyndon B. Johnson.
  - d. Robert Kennedy.
  
4. The Tonkin Gulf Resolution gave President Johnson specific permission to
  - a. invade North Vietnam.
  - b. declare war on North Vietnam.
  - c. do whatever was necessary to take care of the situation in South Vietnam.
  - d. assist the South Vietnamese people in overthrowing their government and installing a new leader.
  
5. The significance of the Tet Offensive was that
  - a. American soldiers began to doubt, for the first time, that they could tell friend from foe well enough to be able to win the war.
  - b. American troops re-took all of the places seized by the Vietcong within a few weeks, showing the true measure of U.S. military strength.
  - c. it illustrated that the Americans and the South Vietnamese had learned to work together effectively.
  - d. many Americans, including prominent politicians and members of the media, began to publicly state their belief that America could not win the war in Vietnam.

## Chapter 27

6. Nixon's goal in improving relations with China was to
  - a. try to take the Soviet Union's place as China's closest ally.
  - b. have a chance to visit China during his administration.
  - c. drive a further wedge between China and the Soviet Union.
  - d. try to convince the Chinese to trade with the United States and help cut trade protections between the two countries.
  
7. Nixon's initiative on behalf of the sale of wheat to the Soviet Union
  - a. opened up improved relations with the Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev.
  - b. highlighted the fact that the Soviet economy was doing well enough to afford such an extra good.
  - c. made the SALT agreements unnecessary.
  - d. angered American farmers committed to anticommunism.
  
8. Nixon is often called an accidental liberal because
  - a. he resented the Eastern Establishment.
  - b. he covered up his role in the Watergate break-in.
  - c. of his crimes of tax evasion and bribery.
  - d. his preoccupation with getting reelected led him to advocate many liberal goals, such as workplace safety laws and environmental laws
  
9. Which of these was not enacted or created during the Nixon years?
  - a. Environmental Protection Agency
  - b. OSHA
  - c. an annual income for every citizen each year
  - d. increased funding for the National Endowment for the Arts
  
10. The Watergate scandal began with a break-in at the
  - a. Washington Post.
  - b. Democratic National Committee headquarters.
  - c. National Endowment for the Arts headquarters.
  - d. Republican National Headquarters.

### Section Two (20 Points)

Answer the following question in 1-2 paragraphs.

Why did the United States go to war in Vietnam? What was the goal? Why did the United States eventually lose the war?