

**History 136: U.S. History 1**  
**First Exam Review Sheet**  
**Spring 2012**

The first exam will cover all material covered since the beginning of class, including:

- Chapters 1-4 in *Give Me Liberty!*
- Background on Europe, Africa, America
- Why Europeans Left Europe – Why Europeans Created Empires
- Spanish Empire
- English Empire: The Southern Colonies, Middle Colonies, and New England
- French Empire

The exam will have two parts:

- Part I will consist of twenty objective questions. (30%)
- Part II will be short essay questions. You will answer two questions from a list of at least three. (70%)

**Review Questions**

1. Why did European nations establish empires? What was their purpose? Explain their ideas about economics and how their ideas inspired them to establish colonies. Compare and contrast the Spanish, English, and French empires.
2. What were the goals of the colonists? Why did they go to the New World? Did their goals differ from those of their national governments?
3. Compare and contrast colonial economies. How did the various colonies produce wealth? How did their economies affect other aspects of colonial life?
4. Compare and contrast relations between Native Americans and the various European empires and colonies. What factors influenced relations between Native Americans and European colonies? Which colonies had the best relations with natives? Which had the worst? Why?
5. Why did unfree labor (indentured servitude and slavery) develop in Virginia? Why did slavery become more common and replace indentured servitude in the late 1600s? Why didn't the English in Virginia simply hire free people as laborers? Why wasn't slavery the predominant form of labor initially? When and why did racism develop in the colonies?
6. Explain the importance of religion in the history of the English empire. Which colonies were founded because of religious motives? Where were religious motives most and least important in the creation of colonies? What colonies had the most and least religious tolerance? Why?

**Turn Over**

7. How did settlement patterns differ among the colonies? How did they physically arrange their settlements? Why did the colonies differ from one another?
8. How did forms of identity change in the colonies?
9. Compare and contrast the Spanish and English Empires. What were their goals? What were their methods? In what ways were they similar and different? Consider the political systems, economies, societies, and relations with Native Americans.
10. Compare and contrast the English colonies in the South to the Middle Colonies, and New England. Consider their economies, political systems, demographics, settlement patterns, and relations with Native Americans, among other aspects.