

Second Exam Review Sheet
History &136
Spring 2012

The second exam will cover all material presented since the first exam. Specifically:

- Chapter 5-8 in *Give Me Liberty!*
- The Eighteenth Century: Divisions in American Society
- Events leading to the American Revolution
- The legacies of the American Revolution
- Early National Period: Constitution and First Party System
- War of 1812 and Aftermath

Format

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%)

Questions to Review:

1. How did the American colonies grow and develop in the eighteenth century?
2. How and why did the experience of slaves in New England, the Chesapeake Bay colonies, and the Lower South vary?
3. The colonies rejected Franklin's proposal for "one general government" for the colonies in 1754. Why? How were they able to unify in the American Revolution? Explain specifically how British acts (and which ones) fostered the crisis leading to the Revolution and spurred the creation of an American identity.
4. What caused the revival known as the First Great Awakening? How did it affect the lives of everyday people in the colonies? What were the political implications of the Great Awakening?
5. The Enlightenment had a significant impact on the thinking of American colonists. Who among the colonies responded to the Enlightenment? What were the political, economic, and religious ideas of the Enlightenment? To what degree did it influence the American Revolution?
6. Why did Americans object to taxes passed by Parliament? Explain their ideas on rights and representation. How did Parliament respond to them? How did Americans protest the various taxes established by Parliament?

Turn Over

7. When and why did American colonists decide on Revolution? They can be described as “reluctant revolutionaries.” Why? What finally pushed them to declare independence? In other words, what were the drawbacks and benefits of independence? Why did some remain loyal to Great Britain?
8. Explain the relationship of slavery and democracy in America. How did the existence of slavery shape the social hierarchy of the North and South? How did slavery lead to a greater sense of equality among those who were free? Why were slave owners often more accepting of republicanism and self-government than Northerners?
9. What was Thomas Jefferson’s position on slavery and emancipation?
10. How did the American Revolution affect slaves, women, and the poor? How did they respond to the ideals of the Revolution? How did Revolutionary leaders feel and respond to the spread of Revolutionary ideals?
11. The government under the Articles of Confederation was quite weak. How and why did they make it weak? The Articles of Confederation were replaced by the Constitution. Some historians have argued that the Constitution was a reaction against American Revolution. Why? What were the framers of the Constitution concerned about? What elements of the Constitution can be seen as reactionary?
12. Analyze Shay’s Rebellion. How did Shay perceive the rebellion? What did leaders like George Washington and Benjamin Franklin think about the rebellion? How did Shay’s Rebellion influence the framers of the Constitution?
13. Why did Alexander Hamilton want the nation to have a substantial national debt? What was he concerned about? Why did he use significant force in his response to the Whiskey Rebellion?
14. Compare and contrast the Federalist Party and the Democratic-Republican Party. What were their philosophies on government? What were their concerns? How did they portray each other?
15. How and why did the political mood of America change after the War of 1812? Why did the arguments that dominated politics in the 1790s come to an end?