

Honors United States History

Semester A Summary:

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Semester A Outline

1. Course Overview

1. United States History

2. Early Americas and Exploration

- 1. Native Americans Before Exploration
 - Identify key migration and population theories related to the Americas
 - Identify and describe cultural characteristics of American Indians in North America prior to European exploration
 - Compare and contrast the societies and cultures that existed in North America prior to European exploration
- 2. The Causes of European Exploration
 - Identify elements of European culture that led to increased trade and world exploration
 - Identify and describe how the Crusades affected European culture
 - Identify the role of religion in European exploration
- 3. West Africa and Slavery
 - Distinguish political and cultural characteristics of West Africa prior to European exploration
 - Identify the impact of trade on the development of West Africa prior to and during the age of exploration
 - Identify the causes and effects of European involvement in the African slave trade
- 4. Spanish and Portuguese Exploration
 - Identify and compare the motivations for exploration and conquest by the

- Portuguese and Spanish
- Locate routes taken by early Spanish and Portuguese explorers
- Identify the role and impact of the rivalry between Spain and Portugal in the age of exploration
- Connect Spanish exploration of North America to the Spanish Reconquista
- 5. British, French, and Dutch Exploration
 - Classify and describe the reasons for British, French, and Dutch exploration to the Americas
 - Compare and contrast the motivations for exploration and conquest in North America by Europeans
 - Identify the impact of British, French, and Dutch exploration on the Spanish in the New World
 - Identify and describe the challenge of discovering longitude at sea
- 6. Columbian Exchange
 - Identify and describe the types of labor systems used in the Americas as a result of European colonization
 - Identify the impact of European mercantilism on the New World
 - Identify the aspects and effects of the Columbian Exchange

3. New World Colonies

- 1. Early Colonial Societies
 - Identify the Spanish colonial settlements of the 1500s and 1600s
 - Identify and evaluate the motives of French and Dutch settlers in North America
 - Compare the different European settlements
 - Categorize the methods Europeans used to convert Native Americans
- 2. English Settlements
 - Identify and compare the religious, political and economic motives of those living in the New England and Chesapeake colonies
 - Identify and cite the role of essential documents in establishing colonial governments such as the Magna Carta, the English Bill of Rights, and the Mayflower Compact
 - Identify and categorize the reasons why many indentured servants risked the hardships of bound labor
 - Identify the causes and effects of the Anglo-Powhatan Wars
 - Interpret primary sources to identify the challenges settlers faced
 - Explain the role of cause-and-effect relationships in Virginia and United States history
- 3. Triangular Trade
 - Identify the causes and effects for the rise of slavery in the American colonies
 - Explain the causes and effects of the triangular trade
 - Identify and cite the contribution of both free and enslaved Africans to the development of the American colonies
 - Identify key economic changes in North America during the colonial period
 - Identify changes to Native American life as a result of expanding European settlements
- 4. Protestant Reformation
 - Identify the influence of the Protestant Reformation on European exploration and settlement in North America
 - Compare and compare the effect of Protestant Reformation on British colonies in North America

- Identify and explain the effect of key political events on the British colonies in North America
- 5. Colonial Change
 - Identify the effect of the Great Awakening on American colonies
 - Identify the impact of the Enlightenment on American colonies
 - Identify the causes and effects of conflict between European countries in North America
 - Identify the impact of Enlightenment philosophers on modern thought

4. Early Globalization and American Colonies Test

- 1. Early Globalization and American Colonies Review
 - Analyze the cultural characteristics of American Indians living in North America before European exploration and the impact of the Columbian Exchange on the American Indians
 - Explain the cultural characteristics of European cultures that led to increased trade and exploration and the formation, purpose, and structure of early European colonies in the Americas
 - Describe the political and cultural characteristics of West Africa
 - Evaluate the development of the slave trade in Africa and the role of slavery in the colonies
 - Evaluate the effect of European colonization in North America
 - Explain the role of cause-and-effect relationships in Virginia and United States history
 - Explain the causes and effects of the triangular trade
- 2. Early Globalization and American Colonies Test

5. A Country is Born

- 1. Colonial Discontent
 - Compare and contrast the arguments regarding British colonial policies following the Seven Years' War
 - Identify the acts Britain imposed on the American colonies
 - Classify the American colonists' responses to British acts in the mid-1700s
 - Interpret different perspectives about the Boston Massacre
- 2. Declaring Independence
 - Classify arguments for and against the American colonies declaring independence from England
 - Identify the theories supporting the ideals outlined in the Declaration of Independence
 - Sequence the important events leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence
- 3. Give Me Liberty!
 - Identify the important events and people of the American Revolution
 - Identify causes and effects of issues that arose in the American colonies during the American Revolution
 - Cite how the involvement of different countries impacted the outcome of the American Revolution
 - Sequence the events at the end of the Revolutionary War and identify the impact of the Treaty of Paris
- 4. Social Awakenings
 - Compare and contrast the ideals and experiences of colonists and groups such as women, Native Americans, and African Americans during the American Revolution
 - Explain the influence of Chief Logan and his speech, Logan's Lament

- Identify and analyze how the ideals of the American Revolution affected social structures in the United States
- Identify the views and roles of loyalists and patriots during the American Revolution

5. Articles of Confederation

- Examine Virginia founding documents to understand the development of the American political system
- List the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
- Identify the impact of the Northwest Ordinance
- Identify the causes and effects of Shays's Rebellion
- Categorize the economic issues facing the United States after the American Revolution

6. Constitutional Convention and the Constitution

- Identify the reason for the Constitutional Convention
- Identify and analyze the major compromises reached during the Constitutional Convention
- Compare and contrast the Federalist and Anti-Federalist arguments
- Identify the key principles outlined in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights
- Identify the impact the Declaration of Independence on the development of the Constitution and American democracy

6. A Country is Born Portfolio

- 1. Forming a New Nation
 - Identify opposing viewpoints on the United States Constitution
 - Describe the use of primary sources in studying history
- 2. Primary Source Analysis
 - Read and analyze primary sources related to the debate over a bill of rights for the U.S. Constitution
 - Apply strategies for analyzing primary sources
- 3. A Country Is Born Portfolio Directions
 - Analyze Federalist and Anti-Federalist primary sources
 - Write an op-ed from the perspective of a state convention delegate supporting or opposing ratification of the 1787 Constitution

7. A Nation Grows

- 1. A New Nation
 - List the factors contributing to the development of political parties between 1790–1820
 - Identify and describe the major policies and political developments of the presidencies of George Washington, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson
 - Trace the expansion of the U.S. and federal government between 1790–1820
 - Identify and interpret the relationship between the Corps of Discovery and Native American tribes

2. Early Growth

- Identify and describe the major policies and political developments of the presidencies of James Monroe and James Madison
- Identify how the rise of manufacturing in the early 1800s led to new inventions, technologies, and changes in transportation
- Identify and compare the effect industrialization had on the different groups of people in society in the early 1800s
- Identify the causes and effects of immigration from Northern Europe to the United States in the early to mid-1800s
- Distinguish how economic expansion in the early 1800s affected the

American North, South, and West

- Assess political and economic changes in the early 1800's
- 3. Jacksonian Democracy
 - Trace the changes in the United States political system, including the expansion of democracy and development of new political parties, during the early nineteenth century
 - Identify and evaluate the economic and social policies of Andrew Jackson's presidency
 - Analyze social and cultural changes during the Jacksonian Era
 - Identify the impact of American expansion during the early 1800s on Native Americans
 - Identify the impact of expansion during James Polk's presidency including the Texas annexation, Mexican-American War, and acquisition of Oregon
 - Compare the American response to the acquisition of new territory by the North, South, and West
 - Explain how Manifest Destiny and Polk's policies affected the nation
- 4. The Effects of Slavery
 - Identify and compare the economies of the American North and South during the first half of the nineteenth century
 - Compare the role of slavery in the economies of the American North and South during the first half of the nineteenth century
 - Trace the growing economic differences between the American North and South during the first half of the nineteenth century
 - Identify and describe the lives of enslaved and free African Americans during the first half of the nineteenth century
 - Identify and describe primary sources related to the conditions of slavery
- 5. Tumult and Transformations
 - Identify the causes and effects of the Second Great Awakening in the United States
 - Identify the goals, methods, and achievements of antebellum reform movements
 - Identify the beliefs of transcendentalists and examples of their work and influence
 - Compare and contrast the methods of abolitionist groups
 - Identify the causes and effects of American slave resistance and rebellions prior to the Civil War
- 6. Compromises and Conflict
 - Compare and contrast responses to slavery, tariffs, and states' rights in the American North and South
 - Identify and describe compromises on slavery during American expansion
 - Identify the impact of the Supreme Court's Scott v. Sandford decision
 - Trace the development of the Republican Party in the U.S.
 - Identify the causes and effects of John Brown's raid at Harpers Ferry
 - Explain causes and compromises that led to the Civil War

8. A New Nation and Its Growing Pains Test

- 1. A New Nation and Its Growing Pains Review
 - Describe the people, events, ideals, and causes of the American Revolution and the social, economic, and political effects of the American Revolution
 - Describe the ideals outlined in the Declaration of Independence, American Constitution, and Bill of Rights
 - Examine Virginia founding documents to understand the development of the

- American political system
- Assess political and economic changes in the early 1800s and describe the economic, domestic, and foreign policies of presidents during the late 18th and early 19th century
- Analyze social and cultural changes during the Jacksonian Era and explain how Manifest Destiny and Polk's policies affected the nation
- Describe the political, social and economic characteristics and differences of the North, South and West including the growing sectional tension over the issue of slavery and explain how several causes and compromises led to the Civil War
- Summarize the lives of free and enslaved African Americans and the impact of the Second Great Awakening on the development of the abolition movement
- 2. A New Nation and Its Growing Pains Test

9. Civil War and Reconstruction

- 1. The Civil War
 - Identify key events that led to the Civil War
 - Evaluate and explain causes that led to the Civil War
 - Cite and analyze reasons for the Confederate secession from the United States
 - Compare the strategies and capabilities of the North and South during the Civil War
 - Identify the purpose and effect of the Emancipation Proclamation
 - Interpret the meaning and intent of Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural address
- 2. The Effect of the Civil War
 - Identify the efforts of women at home and on the battlefield during the Civil War
 - Compare and contrast the conditions of African American soldiers in the Civil War
 - Compare the manner in which the North and South organized armies for the Civil War
 - Identify the effect expanded government power had on the economy and population during the Civil War
 - Explain the effects of the Civil War on different groups of Americans
- 3. The Civil War Ends
 - Identify the importance of the Battle of Gettysburg, the Battle of Vicksburg and other key Civil War battles
 - Cite significant parts of the Gettysburg Address
 - Identify the causes and effects of Sherman's March to the Sea
 - Identify the effect of Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address
 - Identify significant factors that contributed to the end of the Civil War
 - Compare and contrast Lincoln's first and second inaugural addresses
- 4. Plans for Reconstruction
 - Compare and contrast the Reconstruction plans of Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, and Congress
 - Identify the causes and effects of Reconstruction
 - Identify the causes and effects of Andrew Johnson's impeachment
 - Identify and analyze the purposes and effects of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments
 - Evaluate Virginia's actions during Reconstruction
- 5. The Effects of Reconstruction

- Identify and analyze the purpose and impact of the Freedmen's Bureau
- Identify the effects of the Reconstruction on the South and African Americans
- Identify the causes and effects of Jim Crow laws
- Identify the causes and impact of the Compromise of 1877
- Evaluate the role of Virginia's Readjuster Party during Reconstruction

10. Industrialization and Westward Expansion

- 1. Industrial Growth
 - Identify and describe the economic, social, and political factors that led to industrialization in the late 1800s
 - Identify technological innovations and inventions that contributed to industrial growth in the late 1800s
 - Trace the emergence of consumer culture in the late 1800s
 - Identify the purpose of a thesis and how to write one effectively
- 2. Big Business
 - Identify and compare the leaders of the steel, finance, and railroad industries
 - Trace the development of corporations, monopolies, and trusts in the late 1800s
 - Identify and compare government responses to the rise of big business in the late 1800s
 - Identify the impact of industrialization on the economy in the late 1800s
- 3. Workers and the Labor Movement
 - Identify the impact of the Industrial Revolution on society and cite challenges workers experienced in the late 1800s
 - Identify and describe the working conditions in factories
 - Identify and compare the goals, leaders, and motivations of the Knights of Labor and the American Federation of Labor
 - Identify the causes and effects of strikes including the Homestead Strike,
 Pullman Strike, and Haymarket Affair
- 4. Westward Expansion
 - Identify and explain how the concept of Manifest Destiny and the romanticization of the West impacted westward expansion
 - Identify how technological advancements, such as the Transcontinental Railroad, and the mining, agriculture, and railroad industries impacted westward expansion
 - Compare the motivations of the different groups of settlers including farmers, cowboys, ranchers, and miners
 - Identify the conflicts and challenges the different groups of settlers experienced
 - Identify the environmental impacts of westward expansion
- 5. Westward Expansion and the American Indian
 - Identify the impact the Homestead Act and Transcontinental Railroad had on American Indians
 - Trace the development of federal Indian policies in the 1800s
 - Categorize and identify the ways American Indians responded to westward expansion
 - Identify and describe the causes and effects of the conflicts between American Indians and Americans during the 1800s
 - Identify and evaluate the thesis of a given text
- 6. Immigrants and Minorities in the West
 - Identify the factors leading to migration and immigration to the West in the late 1800s through the early 1900s

- Identify challenges Chinese and Hispanic immigrants faced in the West in the late 1800s through the early 1900s
- Compare the experience of African Americans and other settlers in the West

11. Labor Unions Portfolio

- 1. Effectiveness of Labor Unions
 - Describe the effectiveness of labor unions in bringing about change
- 2. Cause and Effect
 - Analyze primary and secondary sources
 - Determine the causes and effects of events
- 3. Labor Unions Portfolio Directions
 - Analyze primary and secondary sources about the Haymarket Affair and the Homestead and Pullman strikes
 - Create a cause-and-effect chart
 - Write an essay evaluating the effectiveness of the methods used in the Haymarket Affair, the Homestead Strike, and the Pullman Strike

12. Urbanization and the Gilded Age

- 1. Urbanization
 - Identify the push and pull factors that led people to migrate from farms to cities in the late 1800s
 - Identify how technological advancements contributed to the growth of cities in the late 1800s
 - Contrast the living conditions of the poor and wealthy in the late 1800s
 - List the challenges and benefits associated with urban living in the late 1800s
 - Identify economic, social, and political responses to urbanization in the late 1800s
- 2. Cultural Changes in the Late 1800s
 - Contrast the educational and social opportunities for different groups in American society in the late 1800s
 - Identify the ways artists, journalists, and novelists depicted changes to American life in the late 1800s
 - Identify important poets, novelists, and artists of the late 1800s
 - Analyze a text or primary source and cite evidence to support a claim
 - Explain how the Morrill Acts expanded educational opportunities in Virginia
- 3. European Immigration
 - Compare different immigrant experiences by region and time period in the late 1800s
 - Identify the ways immigrants acclimated to life in the United States in the late 1800s
 - Identify and evaluate the challenges immigrants faced in the United States in the late 1800s
 - Identify ways Americans responded to the growing number of immigrants in the late 1800s
- 4. The New South
 - Trace the development of Jim Crow laws in the South
 - Identify the impact of the Plessy v. Ferguson case
 - Identify the experiences of African Americans in the years following the Civil War and Reconstruction
 - Analyze the impact of eugenics and other racist practices on the New South
 - Identify and cite evidence to support a claim
- 5. The Gilded Age
 - Identify the causes and effects of political and economic corruption during

the Gilded Age

- Identify the causes and impact of economic recessions in the late 1800s
- Identify political and economic reforms in the late 1800s
- Interpret political cartoons from the Gilded Age

6. The Rise of Populism

- Identify the impact of mechanized farming on farmers and the environment in the late 1800s
- Identify the economic, social, and political challenges American farmers faced in the late 1800s
- Trace the development of and impact of farmers' movements in the late 1800s
- Identify the factors that contributed to the rise and decline of the Populist movement
- Categorize and describe the successes and failures of populism in the late 1800s
- Analyze a text or primary source and cite evidence in support of a claim

13. The Civil War-The Gilded Age Test

- 1. The Civil War-The Gilded Age Review
 - Evaluate the political, economic, and social causes and effects of the Civil War and explain the effects of the Civil War on different groups of Americans
 - Explain the effects of the Civil War on different groups of Americans
 - Summarize Reconstruction including the Reconstruction plans, policies, responses, successes, and failures
 - Describe the social, economic, and political characteristics of the late 1800s including the causes and effects of Industrialization, conditions of workers, farmers, immigrants, and minorities
 - Analyze the impact of eugenics and other racist practices on the New South
 - Trace the rise of labor and farm organizations and unrest in the late 1800s
 - Summarize the factors that contributed to westward expansion during the 1800s and the impact of expansion on Native Americans, immigrants, and minorities
- 2. The Civil War-The Gilded Age Test

14. Progressive Era

- 1. The Progressive Movement
 - Identify the origins, goals, and key ideas of the Progressive movement
 - Compare groups involved in the Progressive movement including muckrakers, intellectuals, and religious leaders
 - Identify and describe the social problems Progressives addressed
 - Identify and evaluate the efforts of Progressives to accomplish change
 - Interpret and analyze primary sources related to the Progressive Age
 - Identify the author's purpose for writing
- 2. Progressive Reforms
 - Identify and describe state-level direct democracy reforms
 - Identify the methods Progressives used to combat inefficiency and corruption in politics
 - Trace the development of radical Progressives and compare their goals to those of moderate Progressives
 - Identify the causes, course, and consequences of the labor movement during the Progressive Age
- 3. Progressive Women
 - Trace the origins of the women's movement

- Identify and describe progressive efforts to reform society and morality
- Identify the methods progressive women used to gain passage of the Nineteenth Amendment
- Differentiate the goals of African American, Latin American, and immigrant women to those of white progressive women
- 4. Fighting Discrimination
 - Identify the effect discriminatory laws had on the development of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
 - Identify and compare the goals and strategies of African American leaders during the Progressive Age
 - Identify the impact of African American leaders and evaluate the extent to which they met their goals during the Progressive Age
- 5. Progressive Presidents
 - Identify and evaluate the political, social, and economic reforms during Theodore Roosevelt's presidency
 - Identify how Theodore Roosevelt expanded the role of presidential power
 - Identify and evaluate the political, social, and economic reforms during William Howard Taft's presidency
 - Compare and contrast the progressive reforms of Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft
 - Identify the Supreme Court's role during the Progressive Movement
 - Analyze a primary source to identify the author's purpose
- 6. The Legacy of the Progressive Era
 - Identify the impact of the 1912 presidential election on the Progressive movement
 - Compare different political ideas within the Progressive movement
 - Identify and evaluate the political, social, and economic reforms during Woodrow Wilson's presidency
 - Identify and evaluate the positive and negative effects of the Progressive Era

15. Progressive Era Portfolio

- 1. Listening to Multiple Perspectives
 - Identify the purpose of studying multiple points of view in history
 - Analyze primary and secondary sources
- 2. Comparing and Contrasting
 - Use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast Booker T. Washington and W. E. B. Du Bois
 - Identify compare-and-contrast essay styles
 - Understand the purpose of transition words and phrases
- 3. Progressive Era Portfolio Directions
 - Analyze primary and secondary sources
 - Write an essay evaluating to what extent the models of achieving racial equality proposed by Booker T. Washington and W. E. B. Du Bois were successful

16. American Empire

- 1. American Imperialism
 - Identify and categorize key factors that influenced American imperialism
 - Identify the causes and effects of American imperialism at home and abroad
 - Identify the contributions of Frederick Jackson Turner and Alfred Thayer Mahan in the creation of an American empire
- 2. The Spanish-American War
 - Identify the causes, events, and outcomes of the Spanish-American War

- Compare Americans' differing opinions on empire following the Spanish-American War
- Using primary sources, cite the impact of yellow journalism on the Spanish-American War
- Identify and explain the influence of the Spanish-American War on the emergence of the United States as a world power
- Trace the acquisition of new territories after the Spanish-American War
- Analyze a primary source to identify the author's point of view
- 3. The United States and East Asia
 - Identify how economic power helped to expand American influence in China
 - Identify and describe how American foreign policy was impacted by the spheres of influence in China
 - Identify and classify causes and effects of the Philippine-American War
 - Identify the reasons for the Open Door policy
- 4. President Theodore Roosevelt
 - Identify the impact of the Roosevelt Corollary on foreign relations
 - Identify the impact of Theodore Roosevelt's big stick foreign policy
 - Identify the United States' role in the Panama Revolution and the building of the Panama Canal
 - Using primary and secondary sources, distinguish between American opinions regarding Theodore Roosevelt's foreign policies
 - Identify and describe the United States' role in ending the war between Russia and Japan
- 5. Moral Diplomacy and Dollar Diplomacy
 - Identify the economic tactics William Howard Taft used to protect American interests
 - Identify the impact of Woodrow Wilson's moral diplomacy
 - Compare and contrast the foreign policies of Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and Woodrow Wilson
 - Analyze a primary source to identify the author's point of view
- 6. The Legacy of American Imperialism
 - Identify and analyze the consequences of imperialism
 - Compare and evaluate the arguments of interventionists and noninterventionists of the period
 - Interpret the differing points of views concerning imperialism using political cartoons

17. Age of Empire Portfolio

- 1. Age of Empire Portfolio
 - Identify arguments for and against U.S. imperialism
- 2. Point of View and Bias
- 3. Age of Empire Portfolio Directions
 - Analyze primary sources for point of view and bias
 - Write notes for a point-counterpoint debate on American imperialism
 - Write a debate between an imperialist and a member of the Anti-Imperialist League

18. Progressive Era and American Empire Test

- 1. Progressive Era and American Empire Review
 - Analyze the effectiveness of progressive reformers in enacting change and the role of women and minorities during the Progressive Age
 - Analyze the changing role of the U.S. president during the Progressive Age
 - Explain the causes and effects of American expansion during the late 1800s

- and early 1900s including how U.S foreign policy affected foreign relations during the early 1900s
- Analyze the pros and cons of American imperialism
- Describe the U.S involvement in other countries including the causes and effects of the Spanish-American war and the expansion in East Asia
- 2. Progressive Era and American Empire Test

19. Semester A Exam

- 1. Semester A Exam Review
 - Describe the political, economic and social events of the United States from pre-colonization through Reconstruction, and the effects on different groups of Americans
 - Describe the causes and effects of the political, economic, technological and social changes that took place in the United States from the Second Industrial Revolution through the early 1900s
 - Analyze the foreign and domestic policies from the Second Industrial Revolution through the Roaring Twenties including but not limited to American Indian policies, immigration laws and Spanish-American War
 - Explain the impact changes in the United States from the Second Industrial Revolution through the early 1900s had on American Indians, women, minorities and immigrants
 - Summarize the impact of executive and legislative policies on the American people from the Second Industrial Revolution through the early 1900s
- 2. Semester A Exam

Semester B Summary:

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1. Course Overview

1. United States History

2. World War I

- 1. From Neutrality to War
 - Identify factors leading to World War I
 - Identify the reason for the initial declaration of neutrality by the United States
 - Trace and cite the shift from the United States' neutrality to engagement in

World War I using primary and secondary sources

2. Americans in the Trenches

- Identify the impact of new military technology on World War I
- Interpret primary sources, such as letters and memoirs, to infer the perspectives of American soldiers during World War I
- Identify and compare the experiences of Americans who served abroad during World War I
- Identify the factors historians consider to determine the audience of a source

3. The Home Front

- Interpret primary sources to assess the role of U.S. and foreign propaganda in World War I
- Identify and evaluate social changes women and African Americans experienced as a result of World War I
- Identify the effects of World War I on working conditions and organized labor in the United States
- Identify the different war measures the United States government instituted during World War I
- Analyze primary sources to describe the relationship between a source and its audience

4. Wilson and Peace

- Identify U.S. military contributions to the Allied victory in World War I
- Identify the causes and effects of Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points
- Identify and explain the U.S. response to the Treaty of Versailles and League of Nations

5. Aftermath of World War

- Categorize social, economic, and political changes in the United States following World War I
- Compare responses to challenges faced by the United States after World War I
- Identify and analyze how the outcome of World War I shaped the international role of the United States
- Trace the impact of World War I on Prohibition and women's suffrage

3. The Roaring Twenties

1. Return to Normalcy

- Compare and contrast the policies and actions of Warren Harding and Calvin Coolidge
- Identify the impact of economic and foreign policies on the U.S. during the 1920s
- Identify and sequence significant events in American politics during the 1920s

2. A Booming Economy

- Identify the impact of Charles Lindbergh on the aviation industry in the United States during the 1920s
- Interpret and analyze primary and secondary sources related to radio in the 1920s
- Identify and interpret the impact of new consumer products and advertising on the United States during the 1920s
- Identify the impact of Henry Ford on the automobile industry
- Compare and contrast car manufacturing before and after the introduction of the moving assembly line

3. Backlash Against Change

- Identify nativism and similar responses to immigration and social changes during the 1920s
- Identify the significance of the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan during the 1920s
- Identify the factors that influenced the Scopes Trial and its outcome
- Define historical context and identify the questions historians ask to place a source in its historical context
- 4. Flappers and the New Woman
 - Identify the changing role of women in the 1920s
 - Identify the causes and effects of the Nineteenth Amendment
 - Interpret and analyze primary sources related to the American suffrage movement
 - Analyze primary and secondary sources to describe historical context
- 5. The Jazz Age
 - List the causes and effects of the Great Migration on culture and regions in the United States
 - Identify important figures from the Harlem Renaissance and their contributions
 - Identify the origins of jazz as a uniquely American art form
 - Identify and evaluate the relationship between the arts and social and political changes
- 6. The Lost Generation
 - Identify the effects of Prohibition on American society during the 1920s
 - Identify key American authors active during the 1920s
 - Distinguish and analyze how writing associated with the Lost Generation reflected the 1920s

4. World War I and the Roaring Twenties Test

- 1. World War I and the Roaring Twenties Review
 - Summarize the involvement of the U.S in World War I including how the U.S mobilized to enter the war and how the war affected Americans at home
 - Explain the role of the U.S in the end of World War I and the political, cultural, and social challenges and changes the U.S. experienced as a result of World War I
 - Summarize the key political and economic developments that shaped the 1920s
 - Describe the causes and effects of the women's suffrage movement in the 1910s and 1920s
 - Analyze responses to immigration and social change during the 1920s
- 2. World War I and the Roaring Twenties Test

5. Great Depression

- 1. Causes of the Great Depression
 - Identify Herbert Hoover's accomplishments in the first year of his presidency
 - Identify and explain the causes and effects of the stock market crash of 1929
 - Trace the causes that led to financial collapse in industries and high unemployment
 - Identify the factors that made the Great Depression a worldwide crisis
- 2. Responses to the Great Depression
 - Cite the aspects of Hoover's political philosophy that affected his response to the economic crisis
 - Identify and describe the Hoover administration's initial responses to the Great Depression

- Compare the responses of private relief agencies and state and federal governments to the Great Depression
- Identify the impact of Hoover's response to bonus march protests
- Identify the purpose of a thesis and how to write one effectively
- 3. Effects of the Great Depression
 - Identify and describe the protests of unemployed workers and farmers
 - Identify relief efforts for impoverished Americans
 - Identify the impact of the Great Depression on African Americans
 - Cite examples of escapism in popular entertainment as a response to the Great Depression
- 4. The Dust Bowl
 - Identify the farming practices that led to the economic downturn
 - Identify human and geographical factors that created the Dust Bowl
 - Identify the effects of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl on American farm owners, tenants, and sharecroppers
- 5. Legacy of the Great Depression
 - Identify public opinion of President Hoover
 - Identify the outcomes of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff
 - Identify the political impact of unemployment on the election of 1932
 - Identify and evaluate Hoover's role in the Great Depression
 - Identify and evaluate the thesis of a given text

6. New Deal

- 1. Roosevelt's New Deal
 - Identify the leadership and communication skills of Franklin Roosevelt
 - Identify the key events associated with the 1932 election and inauguration
 - Cite evidence from Roosevelt's inaugural address that outlines his recovery plan
 - Identify similarities between Progressivist and New Deal policies
 - Identify the legislation enacted during Franklin Roosevelt's first 100 days as president
- 2. Impact of the New Deal
 - Identify the benefits and drawbacks of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA) to the farming industry
 - Identify and describe the impact of New Deal programs on organized labor
 - Identify the New Deal policies enacted to protect the environment
 - Examine the Byrd Machine and its influence on Virginia's economic and social development during the New Deal era
- 3. The Second New Deal
 - Contrast the first and second New Deals
 - Identify and discuss the effectiveness of New Deal policies
 - Identify and analyze primary sources to identify the arguments of New Deal critics
 - Identify political challenges to Roosevelt's leadership and New Deal programs
- 4. Work and Culture
 - Identify the impact of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) on the American workforce
 - Identify and evaluate the U.S. government's role in promoting artistic expression during the Great Depression
 - Cite examples from the Farm Security Administration (FSA) photography project and other sources of the effects of the Great Depression on Americans

- Identify the ways in which the Great Depression influenced art and literature of the 1930s
- Analyze a text or primary source and cite evidence to support a claim
- 5. The New Deal's Legacy
 - Identify and evaluate the changing role of the federal government during the New Deal
 - Identify the consequences of New Deal policies
 - Identify the impact of New Deal policies on women and minorities
 - Identify the impact and legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt as First Lady
 - Analyze a text or primary source and cite evidence to support a claim

7. The Great Depression and New Deal Test

- 1. The Great Depression and New Deal Review
 - Evaluate the causes and effects of the Great Depression and Dust Bowl
 - Analyze President Hoover and President Franklin Roosevelt's effectiveness during the Great Depression
 - Describe the effects of the Great Depression and the New Deal policies on Americans
 - Explain the purposes of New Deal policies and the effectiveness of the first and second New Deals
 - Assess the long-term impact of New Deal programs
- 2. The Great Depression and New Deal Test

8. World War II

- 1. Aggression and Appeasement
 - Identify factors leading to the rise of fascism, national socialism, and communism after World War I
 - Cite and describe the aggressive actions by regimes in Europe and Asia in the 1930s
 - Identify the impact of the failures of the British policy of appearement
 - Compare and contrast totalitarianism in Japan, the Soviet Union, Italy, and Germany
- 2. Neutrality and Engagement
 - Sequence the events of the early years of World War II in Europe
 - Classify the causes and effects of American isolationism during the 1930s and the effect this policy had on America's war preparation
 - Identify President Roosevelt's efforts to support nations fighting Nazi Germany
 - Identify and describe the attack on Pearl Harbor and the United States' response
 - Identify and analyze the perspectives of those in favor of neutrality and engagement
- 3. Fighting on the Home Front
 - Identify how the U.S. economy mobilized in response to World War II
 - Identify the impact that WWII had on women and minorities in the U.S. and the effects it had on civil liberties for Japanese Americans and others
 - Cite primary sources that demonstrate the impact of WWII on Americans
 - Interpret the U.S. government's use of propaganda in gaining support and cooperation for war efforts
 - Determine the impact of accelerated African American migration in preparation for World War II.
 - Analyze the social and economic consequences of the war on Native Americans.

- Evaluate how different groups of Americans contributed to the war effort
- 4. Invasion of Europe
 - Locate the major battles of World War II on a map and identify territorial expansion of the Allies and Axis
 - Cite and identify the contributions of the Allies' military leaders
 - Trace the planning and impact of the Allies' D-Day invasion in France
 - Identify and analyze Hitler's "final solution" and the Allies' responses to the Holocaust and war crimes
 - Identify the outcomes of the Yalta Conference
- 5. War in the Pacific
 - Identify significant battles and strategies in the Pacific theater during WWII
 - Categorize the impact of WWII on science, medicine, nuclear physics, and technology, including weaponry, synthetic fibers, and television
 - Identify the reasons President Truman decided to drop the atomic bomb on Japan
 - Cite and describe the effects of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
 - Identify and analyze the perspectives of those for and against using atomic weapons

9. World War II Portfolio

- 1. World War II Portfolio
 - Identify the purpose of sources in studying history
- 2. Paraphrasing, Summarizing, and Quoting
 - Paraphrase and summarize information from sources
 - Quote from written sources
- 3. World War II Portfolio Directions
 - Analyze primary and secondary sources
 - Paraphrase, summarize, and quote from sources
 - Research and write about a topic

10. The Cold War

- 1. The U.S. After World War II
 - Identify the efforts used to reintegrate veterans into society following World War II
 - Identify the social, economic, and educational changes and policies following World War II
 - Compare and evaluate the economic prosperity and inequality between ethnic groups and social classes
 - Cite the causes and effects of demographic changes throughout the United States
- 2. The Cold War Begins
 - Identify the reasons for the collapse of the alliance between the United States and the Soviet Union following World War II
 - Trace the development of the United States as a superpower
 - Discuss the origins, motives, and effects of Truman's and Eisenhower's foreign policies during the Cold War
 - Locate on a map areas of conflict during the Cold War
 - Identify the causes and effects of the conflicts in Africa, Latin America, Middle East, and Europe
- 3. China and the Korean War
 - Sequence the events that led to communism in China
 - Trace the development of containment policies in Asia after World War II
 - Identify and describe the causes and effects of the Korean War

- Identify the successes and long-term impact of the Korean War
- 4. The Cold War Intensifies
 - Identify the causes and effects of the space and arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union
 - Identify and compare the ways the federal government opposed communism in the United States
 - Interpret primary and secondary sources to identify the fear of communism and nuclear warfare during the Second Red Scare
 - Identify and analyze a primary source for the author's purpose
- 5. Cultural Transformation in the 1950s
 - Identify and cite the economic, political, and social impact of the changing status and roles of American women after World War II through the 1950s
 - Identify the causes and effects of the changes to the nuclear family in the United States after World War II through the 1950s
 - Identify the different forms of and trends in American popular culture and their effects on individuals and society after World War II through the 1950s
 - Identify and analyze a primary source for the author's purpose
- 6. The Civil Rights Movement Begins
 - Identify and analyze political movements to obtain greater civil rights for African Americans, Latin Americans, and Asian Americans during the 1950s
 - Identify the impact of court cases and legislation during the early civil rights movement in the 1950s
 - Identify the changes in and impact of federal American Indian policy, including sovereignty, land ownership, citizenship, education, and religious freedom after World War II through the 1960s

11. World War II and The Cold War Test

- 1. World War II and the Cold War Review
 - Evaluate the rise and impact of totalitarianism in Europe and Asia after World War I
 - Describe the causes, events and impact of the United States' full involvement in World War II
 - Describe the economic, social and political changes in the United States after World War II
 - Evaluate the origins and consequences of the Cold War
 - Trace the origins of the civil rights Movement
 - Evaluate how different groups of Americans contributed to the war effort
- 2. World War II and the Cold War Test

12. Civil Rights

- 1. The Fight for Equality
 - Identify forms of segregation minorities faced during the 1960s
 - Identify the goals, approaches, and successes of the civil rights movement
 - Interpret and compare Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail" and "I Have a Dream" speech
 - Identify Americans who collaborated in the civil rights movement
 - Analyze primary sources to identify and describe the relationship between a source and its audience
 - Evaluate the impact of both Virginia's civil rights protests and its Massive Resistance to Brown v. Board of Education
 - Analyze the events of Freedom Summer
- 2. The End of Segregation
 - Identify and differentiate methods used by the federal government to end

- segregation
- Identify and describe the impact of federal laws to end segregation
- Identify a range of responses to desegregation from Americans
- Analyze primary sources to identify and describe the relationship between a source and its audience
- 3. Civil Rights Tactics
 - Trace the development of the Black Power movement
 - Identify the leaders, goals, and impacts of the Black Power movement
 - Compare approaches to achieve civil rights including peaceful marches and calls for the use of force
 - Identify the impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s and Malcolm X's assassinations on the civil rights movement
- 4. The Presidencies of Kennedy and Johnson
 - Identify and describe the goals, successes, and impact of domestic policies during John F. Kennedy's administration
 - Identify the impact of major foreign events, issues, and policies of John F. Kennedy's administration
 - Identify and describe the goals, limitations, and impact of domestic policies during Lyndon B. Johnson's administration
 - Identify the impact of major foreign events, issues, and policies of the Lyndon B. Johnson administration
 - Identify the causes and effects of scientific and technological advancements and transformations during the 1960s
- 5. Social Change in the 1960s
 - Trace and identify the changing roles of women in society
 - Identify and analyze the significance of key decisions of the Warren Court in establishing civil rights and civil liberties
 - Identify the reasons for and impact of the rise of an American counterculture in the 1960s
 - Trace the development of the environmental movement in the 1960s

13. Civil Rights Timeline Portfolio

- 1. Creating Timelines
 - Identify purpose of timelines in studying history
- 2. APA Citations and Documentation
 - Cite and document sources using APA style
 - Identify examples of plagiarism in text
- 3. Civil Rights Timeline Portfolio Directions
 - Create a timeline of significant developments of the civil rights movement in the United States
 - Write a letter explaining the causes that led up to an event in the civil rights movement
 - Apply correct APA citations to supporting sources

14. The Vietnam War

- 1. The Presidency of Richard Nixon
 - Identify President Richard Nixon's foreign policies
 - Identify and evaluate domestic policies and challenges during Richard Nixon's administration
 - Compare Richard Nixon's and Lyndon Johnson's social and economic policies
 - Cite the impact of President Nixon's domestic policies on different groups of Americans
 - Identify and sequence events leading up to Richard Nixon's resignation

2. The Vietnam War

- Trace and compare U.S. involvement in Vietnam during the presidencies of Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon
- Identify the significance and effect of key events during the Vietnam War
- Cite and identify the impact of the U.S. media during the Vietnam War
- Identify the causes and effects of the development of the U.S. anti-war movement
- Sequence and describe the events that led to the end of the Vietnam War
- 3. The Presidencies of Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter
 - Identify factors that contributed to President Gerald Ford's pardon of Richard Nixon
 - Identify the impact of President Gerald Ford's foreign policies
 - Identify and describe the domestic policies and challenges during Ford's administration
 - Identify the impact of President Jimmy Carter's foreign policies
 - Identify domestic policies and challenges during Jimmy Carter's administration

4. More Social Changes

- Identify the successes and limitations of the U.S. environmental movement in the 1970s
- Identify the characteristics and social impact of American counterculture movements in the late 1960s through the 1970s
- Interpret and analyze primary and secondary sources related to counterculture movements in the United States
- Analyze primary and secondary sources to identify and describe the historical context

5. The Civil Rights Movement Continues

- Identify and cite the goals, methods, and successes of the women's movement during the late 1960s through the 1970s
- Identify and cite the goals and successes of Latino rights movements of the late 1960s through the 1970s
- Identify the goals and significant events related to Native American civil rights in the late 1960s through the 1970s
- Analyze primary and secondary sources to identify and describe the historical context

15. Civil Rights and The Vietnam War Test

- 1. Civil Rights and the Vietnam War Review
 - Analyze the goals, successes and impact of the Civil Rights Movement
 - Describe the foreign and domestic policies during John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter's presidencies
 - Evaluate the causes and effects of cultural changes during the 1960s and 1970s
 - Describe the goals and success of the civil rights movement in the 1960s and 1970s
 - Evaluate the causes and effects of the Vietnam War
- 2. Civil Rights and the Vietnam War Test

16. Reagan, Bush, and Clinton: 1980-2000

- 1. Ronald Reagan and Cultural Shifts
 - List the reasons for and the significance of the growth of the conservative movement
 - Identify the goals and motives of key organizations and individuals of the

- conservative movement
- Identify the humanitarian social goals, successes, and limitations of citizens in addressing social issues during the 1980s
- Identify the goals, successes, and limitations of the government in addressing social issues during the 1980s
- Identify how historians determine the reliability of a source
- Explain the increase in antisemitism and hate crimes in the late 20th and early 21st centuries

2. Reagan's Domestic Policies

- Identify Ronald Reagan's economic policies and how they differed from previous administrations
- Trace and evaluate the changing role of government during Ronald Reagan's administration
- Identify the effects of domestic policies on Americans
- Evaluate a source to determine its reliability

3. Reagan's Foreign Policies

- Compare Ronald Reagan's Cold War policies to those of previous administrations
- Identify and describe the reasons for, consequences of, and controversies surrounding the United States' involvement in foreign conflicts
- Identify and cite the policies during Reagan's administration that contributed to the end of the Cold War
- Identify the role of the United States in international organizations during Reagan's administration

4. The Presidency of George H. W. Bush

- Identify goals, successes, and limitations of domestic and foreign policies during George H. W. Bush's administration
- Identify the reasons for the collapse of the Soviet Union and the resulting challenges
- Trace and evaluate the developments in the Middle East that affected United States foreign policy during George H. W. Bush's administration
- Identify and compare the roles of the government and citizens in addressing social issues during George H. W. Bush's administration

5. The Presidency of Bill Clinton

- List the reasons why Bill Clinton won the presidency in 1992
- Identify and describe the goals, achievements, and limitations of Bill Clinton's domestic and economic policies
- Identify the impact of new technologies on society
- Identify the effects of globalization on the United States during Bill Clinton's presidency

6. Clinton's Legacy

- Identify the effects of the domestic and foreign terrorist attacks on the United States in the 1990s
- Identify and evaluate the role of the United States in global conflicts during Bill Clinton's administration
- Sequence the events of Bill Clinton's impeachment
- Identify the results of the 2000 presidential election and the controversy surrounding it

17. Change Over Time Portfolio

- 1. Change Over Time Portfolio
 - Analyze change over time

- 2. Writing a Research Paper
- 3. Change Over Time Portfolio Directions

18. A New Century

- 1. The War on Terror
 - Identify and sequence the events of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks
 - Identify and evaluate the goals and challenges of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq
 - Identify the provisions, impact, and effectiveness of federal policies on foreign and domestic terrorism
 - Trace how the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks changed American domestic and international policies
- 2. The Presidencies of Bush and Obama
 - Identify and categorize the political and economic goals, challenges, and successes during George W. Bush's administration
 - Identify the historical significance of the 2008 presidential election
 - Identify and categorize the political and economic goals, challenges, and successes during Barack Obama's administration
 - Identify the influence of special-interest groups, political parties, and third parties on the changing political landscape and culture during the twenty-first century
- 3. Global Economy
 - Identify and evaluate the role of the United States in the global economy
 - Trace how economics and technological innovations have contributed to the rise of globalization
 - Identify and evaluate the influence of the mass media on national and international politics and culture
 - Identify the impact of globalization on U.S. culture, economics, politics, and foreign policy
- 4. Global Relations
 - Identify and categorize the causes and effects of the major foreign policy positions of the United States during the twenty-first century
 - Identify the United States' response to foreign conflicts during the twentyfirst century
 - Identify how dependence on energy and foreign oil has shaped United States foreign policy
 - critique how cyberwarfare has influenced American foreign policy, elections, and commerce.
- 5. Culture, Technology, and Society
 - List the scientific and technological advances of the twenty-first century
 - Identify the impact of technological changes on society
 - Identify and describe the increasing role of women and minorities in American society
 - Identify changes in immigration policies and attitudes
 - Evaluate historical events for change over time

19. The 1980s-Early 21st Century Test

- 1. The 1980s-Early 21st Century Review
 - Evaluate the social, political and economic issues during the late twentieth and early twenty-first century
 - Describe the foreign and domestic policies during Ronald Reagan, George H.W Bush, William Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama's

- presidencies
- Evaluate the causes and effects of cultural changes during the late twentieth and early twenty-first century
- Describe how Americans have responded to technological and societal changes in the twentieth and early twenty-first century
- 2. The 1980s-Early 21st Century Test

20. Semester B Exam

- 1. Semester B Exam Review
 - Describe the political, economic and social events of the United States from World War I through the early 2000s
 - Analyze the executive and legislative policies from World War I through the early 2000s
 - Explain the impact changes in the United States from World War I through the early 2000s had on American Indians, women, minorities and immigrants
 - Describe the causes and effects of foreign conflicts including but not limited to World War I, World War II, The Cold War, Vietnam War, Gulf War
 - Evaluate how different groups of Americans contributed to the war effort in World War II
 - Analyze the impact of and responses to economic growth and decline from World War I through the early 2000s
 - Evaluate the goals, successes and challenges of major social movements in the twentieth century
- 2. Semester B Exam