U.S. History Midterm Review

**Reconstruction**

1. What was the goal of Reconstruction?
2. Name two problems the country faced after the Civil War.
3. What were the two groups who had competing plans for Reconstruction?
4. How did the President help white Southerners?
5. What was the name of the organization that helped blacks find jobs and go to school?
6. Name two ways that the Congress’ plan helped African-Americans.
7. What was the name of the racist group that attacked African-Americans during Reconstruction?
8. What was the name of the farming system during (and after) Reconstruction, where poor blacks could rent farmland in exchange for a percentage of their harvest?
9. What organizations/places could African-American communities create for the first time during Reconstruction?
10. Who was Hiram Revels?
11. Name one of the “distractions” that stopped the U.S. government from focusing on Reconstruction.
12. What was the attitude of most Southern whites towards blacks after the abolition of slavery?
13. What right was granted to all (male) Americans thanks to the 15th Amendment?
14. Which amendment gave all citizenship to all people that were either naturalized or born in America?
15. What is a “Scalawag?”
16. What is a “Carpetbagger?”
17. Why didn’t Reconstruction succeed?

**The West**

1. What is Manifest Destiny?
2. Who lived on the Great Plains before white settlers arrived?
3. Name three of the reasons that Native Americans needed the buffalo.
4. Why did white settlers kill the buffalo?
5. What did the Homestead Act do?
6. Where were Native Americans sent after being removed from their land?
7. What was the name of the dance that started the Battle of Wounded Knee?
8. What was the US doing when it tried to “assimilate” Native Americans?
9. What is one way that the US tried to assimilate Native Americans?
10. What invention led to the “Closing of the Frontier?”
11. The discovery of what substance in California caused a “rush” of people?
12. What did Native Americans believe about land ownership?
13. What act forced Native American children to go to boarding schools?

**Industrialization, Immigration, Urbanization**

1. What factors contributed to the growth of industry in the U.S.?
2. What is a “laissez-faire” policy towards business?
3. How did railroads lead to more industrialization?
4. How did most businesses treat their workers?
5. What is a monopoly?
6. What is Social Darwinism?
7. What happened at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory?
8. What is a labor union?
9. What were the goals of labor unions?
10. Were strikes usually successful? Why/why not?
11. Why didn’t employers like labor unions?
12. What are scabs?
13. What is a robber baron?
14. What is a captain of industry?
15. What were some problems in the cities during this era?
16. What were some positive aspects of the cities during this era?
17. What are tenements?
18. What were the goals of Jacob Riis?
19. What is a political machine?
20. What is a political boss?
21. What were some positive and negative things about William Tweed?
22. Why did immigrants leave Europe and come to America? (Push/Pull Factors)
23. What is Ellis Island, and what is Angel Island?
24. What were the experiences of immigrants and the poor in American cities?
25. What is nativism?
26. What was the Chinese Exclusion Act?

**Populism and Progressivism**

1. What was the goal of the Populists?
2. What is deflation and inflation?
3. What is bimetallism?
4. What happened in the Election of 1896?
5. What was the goal of the Progressives?
6. What were some of the issues the Progressives tried to deal with?
7. What was the job of the muckrakers?
8. What did Upton Sinclair, Carry Nation, and Lewis Hine do?
9. What were the problems with child labor?
10. What were the goals of Booker T. Washington?
11. What were the goals of W.E.B. Du Bois?
12. What methods did women use to achieve suffrage?
13. What did the 19th Amendment do?

**Imperialism and WWI**

1. What is Imperialism?
2. Why did the U.S. want to become an imperial power?
3. Why did the U.S. want to expand its influence in Latin America?
4. What was the Open Door Policy in China?

1. What is Yellow Journalism?
2. What two main factors caused America to enter the fight in Cuba against the Spanish?
3. What territories did America gain from the Spanish-American War?

1. What is the significance of the Panama Canal?
2. What are Big Stick, Dollar, and Moral Diplomacy? Which President supported each?
3. What was the Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine?

**World War I**

1. How did Alliances, Imperialism, Militarism, and Nationalism cause WWI?

2. How did the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand cause WWI?

3. Who were the two sides that were fighting during WWI?

4. What is trench warfare? Why was it so deadly?

5. What were some new technologies and inventions from WWI?

6. What was the official position of the U.S. at the start of WWI? (Did they pick a side, were they neutral)

7. What series of events led the U.S. to enter WWI?

8. What were Liberty Bonds?

9. What is the Selective Service Act?

10. How were women affected by WWI?

11. How were African-Americans affected by WWI on?

12. What did the Espionage and Sedition Acts do?

13. What were the Fourteen Points?

14. What was the Treaty of Versailles? How did it treat Germany?

**The 1920’s**

1. How was the economy doing in the 1920’s?
2. How did the behavior of women change in the 1920’s?
3. What is Prohibition, and why did it fail?
4. How did the lives of African-Americans change in the 1920’s?
5. What was the Harlem Renaissance?
6. What are some technologies and cultural creations that changed people’s lifestyles in the 1920’s?
7. How did credit and the idea of “Buy Now, Pay Later” change people’s buying habits?
8. How were immigrants treated in the 1920’s?
9. What was the Red Scare?
10. What happened to Sacco and Vanzetti? Why?
11. Why did people invest in the stock market?