

United States History Semester Exam Review

Be able to explain the significance of the following dates:

1215 1607 1620 1776 1787 1803

Be able to identify or explain the significance of the following ideas, events, documents or entities:

Acts of Toleration	Albany Plan of Union	Battle of Bunker Hill
Battle of Yorktown	Lexington and Concord	Boston Massacre
Boston Tea Party	Checks and Balances	Electoral College
English Bill of Rights	Enlightenment	Great Awakening
Fundamental Orders of Conn	Intolerable Acts	Land Ordinance of 1785
Navigation Acts	Quakers	Quartering Act
Shay's Rebellion	Stamp Act	Treaty of Paris (both)
Foreign Policy	Representative Government	Indentured Servant

Know ...

- The motivation of European countries to explore the New World
- The impact of the Columbian Exchange
- The reasons for the increased need for slave labor in the Americas during exploration
- The challenges faced by settlers at Jamestown
- How the Virginia House of Burgesses contributed to the growth of representative government
- Why was the Mayflower Compact important to the growth of representative government?
- How did the geography of New England affect its economic activity?
- Why the following colonies were founded: Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Georgia.

- Why did the slave trade increase in the southern colonies?
- How did the policy of mercantilism with the colonies benefit England?
- Why was the decision in the Zenger trial significant?
- What geographic feature was involved as the boundary for the Proclamation of 1763? How did the Proclamation affect colonists?
- Who won the French and Indian War and what was the impact/result?
- How did the pamphlet *Common Sense* influence colonial opinion?
- How did the American victory at the Battle of Saratoga affect the Revolutionary War?
- Detail the problems/weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
- What were the provisions of the Northwest Ordinance?
- What was the original goal of the Philadelphia Constitutional Convention?
- What were the provisions of the Great Compromise?
- What was the purpose/provisions of the Three-Fifths Compromise?
- What individual is responsible for the theory of Separation of Powers?
- Create a Venn Diagram (see p. 235) showing the Federal System (i.e. powers of the national government and powers reserved to the states). What amendment is this related to?
- How can the Constitution be amended?
- How many amendments are there?
- Why do we have a Bill of Rights and what is its' purpose?
- Know the ten amendments that make up the Bill of Rights
- What are the “Civil War Amendments?”
- What is the 19th Amendment?
- How does the Constitution address the idea of Limited Government?
- Why our Constitution is called a “Living Constitution”?

- Create a chart showing how each branch of the government “checks and balances” the other
- What are the requirements to become a citizen of the United States?
- What is the most important thing you can do as a citizen?

Be able to Compare and Contrast:

- The tidewater plantations and the back-country south
- The Virginia and New Jersey plans of government
- Federalists and Anti-federalists (beliefs) and know specific examples of each

Know the role/significance of the following individuals:

King George	Ben Franklin	John Adams	Samuel Adams	Crispus Attucks
Nathaniel Bacon	William Bradford	William Penn	Thomas Paine	Patrick Henry
Thomas Jefferson	George Washington	James Madison	Jonathan Edwards	John Locke
Roger Williams	Anne Hutchinson	Thomas Hooker	Alexander Hamilton	James Madison

Article One: The Legislative Branch

- *House of Representatives:*
 - What are the qualifications to be a member?
 - How many members (currently) are there?
 - How often are they elected?
 - Who is the leader of the House of Representatives? Who currently serves as this person?
- *Senate:*
 - What are the qualifications to be a member?
 - How many members (currently) are there?
 - How often are they elected?
 - Who serves as the President of the Senate? Who currently is this person?

- Who has the power of impeachment?
- What powers are delegated to Congress?

Article Two: The Executive Branch

- What are the qualifications to be President?
- How often is he elected?
- How do we elect the President?
- What are the powers of the President?

Article Three: The Legislative Branch

- What are the powers/duties of the Supreme Court?
- How long is the term for a justice on the Supreme Court?
- Who is the current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?
- Who was the first female Justice?

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