

Final Exam Review Sheet – U.S. History B

Directions: Use the terms, events, and questions below to prepare for the final exam. When studying, it is important to do more than define a term or briefly explain an event.

Think about the following questions:

- What caused this to happen?
- Is this term or event related to other items on the review sheet? How?
- How did this change or influence the nation?
- What else was going on in the United States at the time?

When answering the questions, think about all possible responses. These are broad questions that are meant to apply to many aspects of the time period you have learned about.

Unit 5: The Common Good

General Terms and Events

- Common good
- Events showing neutrality to involvement in World War II, including Neutrality Acts, Lend Lease Act, Destroyers for Naval Bases Deal, Pearl Harbor
- War aims and strategies
- Turning points in World War II, including D-Day, Midway, Coral Sea, Use of atomic bomb
- Post war goals: Division of Germany, Marshall Plan, Truman Doctrine
- Alliances and Organizations: NATO, United Nations
- Impact on and actions of citizens on the home front
- Economic impact of war on U.S.
- Government actions on the home front, including the use of propaganda posters
- Impact on women and minorities at home and in the military, including African Americans and Japanese Americans
- War and civil rights, including A. Philip Randolph

Questions for Discussion and Review

Use the terms above to answer the following questions.

- How did Americans and the U.S. government promote the common good during World War II?
- How did World War II affect women, African Americans, and Asian Americans?
- What were the major turning points of World War II and why were they turning points?
- How did U.S. foreign policy change after World War II?

Unit 6: The Struggle for Power

General Terms and Events

- Opportunity after World War II, including GI Bill of Rights
- Growth of suburbs and highways
- Johnson's Great Society program
- Desegregation of the military
- *Brown v. Board of Education*
- African American civil rights movement
 - key leaders
 - methods
 - opinions about bringing about equality
 - key actions, successes, legislation
- Results of African American civil rights movement
- Goals and methods of later civil rights movements, including Native Americans, Latin Americans, and women
- Demographic trends, including baby boom
- Popular culture and society

Questions for Discussion and Review

Use the terms above to answer the following questions.

- What were the causes of the civil rights movement?
- How did opinions differ on how to achieve civil rights? What methods were most effective?
- What are the long-term effects of the civil rights movement?
- How did the African American Civil Rights movement influence other civil rights movements?

Unit 7: Balance in Foreign Policy

General Terms and Events

- Communism
- Containment
- Cold War
- Foreign Policy Objectives (for example, ideological)
- McCarthyism and the Red Scare after World War II
- Examples of containment and reaction to Soviet Union, including Berlin Blockade, Korean War, Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam War
 - Causes, U.S. actions and goals, results
 - Foreign policy legacy of Vietnam War
- Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, War Powers Act, and presidential power

- Vietnam war on the home front, including role of media, returning soldiers, protests
- Arms talks, including SALT I
- Détente
- Cold War events in the 1980s
- Foreign policy and the Middle East, including Camp David Accords, impact of OPEC oil embargo, relationship with Israel, Yom Kippur War
- Persian Gulf War: causes and results
- Impact of break up of Soviet Union on U.S.

Questions for Discussion and Review

Use the terms above to answer the following questions.

- What were the primary foreign policy goals of the U.S. after World War II?
- How can these goals be seen in U.S. actions in Berlin, Korea, Cuba, and Vietnam?
- How did the Cold War impact U.S. society?
- How did foreign policy goals change after the Cold War?
- What was the impact of protests against the Vietnam War?
- How has reliance on oil from other nations influenced foreign policy?

Unit 8: Patterns of Contemporary America

General Terms and Events

- Patterns in Presidential Power: Nixon and Watergate, Carter and the energy crisis, Reagan and conservatism, Clinton and the budget
- Cultural Patterns: increased drug use, changes in the nuclear family, longer life span and the impact on Social Security
- Environmental Patterns: changing role of government in protecting the environment
- Patterns in the Economy: widening income gap, change from industrial to technological society, women and income inequality, stressed social security program
- Patterns in Immigration: Changes in origins of immigrants, government reactions to illegal immigration

Questions for Discussion and Review

Use the terms above to answer the following questions.

- After 1970, what patterns can be seen in presidential power, the economy, the environment, culture, and immigration in the U.S.?
- How do these patterns impact government and institutions?
- How did government and society respond to changes in presidential power, the economy, culture, and immigration?