Final Exam Review Sheet – U.S. History A

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 1: Continuity vs. Change

General Concepts, Terms and Events
- Expansion of rights through the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, Brown v. Board of Education
- Reconstruction – impact on southerners, African Americans
- Radical Republicans- beliefs, actions
- Lincoln’s plan for reconstruction
- Southern state legislature actions
- Freedmen’s Bureau
- Ku Klux Klan
- Presidential election of 1876 and Compromise of 1877
- W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington - beliefs
- Limitation of Rights including Plessy v. Ferguson, Jim Crow Laws, voting restrictions including poll tax, literacy tests, and the impact on African Americans

Unit 1 Questions for Discussion and Review
Use the terms above to answer the following questions.
- What efforts were made to increase rights for African Americans after the Civil War?
- What efforts were made to deny rights to African Americans after the Civil War?
- Overall, did African Americans experience change or continuity in rights after the Civil War?
Unit 2: Technological Change Transforms American Society

General Concepts, Terms and Events
- Impact of the railroads
- Impact of expansion on Native Americans, including the Dawes Act
- Immigration and immigration restrictions including Chinese Exclusion Act
- Rise of big business, business practices such as monopolies, government policies such as laissez-faire
- Industrialization – reasons, characteristics, positive and negative impacts
- Progressivism/progressives
- Government Reforms such as the Pure Food and Drug Act, Meat Inspection Act, Anti-trust legislation, Secret Ballot, and Recall, Conservation
- Working conditions, rise of labor unions
- Populism
- Political machines & bosses
- Growth of cities and life in the city

Unit 2 Questions for Discussion and Review
Use the terms above to answer the following questions.
- How did technological change impact the U.S.?
- What were the positive and negative impacts of industrialization?
- How did industrial growth and westward expansion impact different groups in the U.S. and how did they react?
- How effective were government and citizen-led reform actions and movements in addressing the problems of the industrial era?

Unit 3: Foreign Policy and a World Identity

General Concepts, Terms and Events
- Imperialism – reasons, examples, effects
- Foreign policy objectives: economic, national security, ideological, humanitarian, ethnocentric
- Causes and results of Spanish American War, including yellow journalism and annexation of the Philippines
- Roosevelt Corollary to Monroe Doctrine
- Big stick, Dollar, and Moral diplomacy
- Neutrality
- Reasons U.S. entered World War I
- Wilson’s beliefs about end of WWI including his Fourteen Points
- Treaty of Versailles
- League of Nations
- U.S. world identity at the end of WWI
Unit 4: Culture in Prosperity and Adversity

General Concepts, Terms and Events
- Economic prosperity, including mass production
- Economic problems of farmers in 1920s
- Impact of automobile
- Culture clashes, including Palmer Raids, Red Scare, prohibition, Scopes Trial, flappers, nativism, immigration limitations
- Women and voting
- Popular culture and mass media
- Harlem Renaissance, Great Migration
- Weaknesses in U.S. economy
- Causes, characteristics, and impact of the Great Depression
- Impact of drought on farmers
- Hoover’s beliefs about government, response to Depression & public reaction
- F.D. Roosevelt’s response to Depression
- New Deal reforms
- Criticisms of New Deal
- Long term impact of New Deal on government

Unit 4 Questions for Discussion and Review
Use the terms above to answer the following questions.
- How did economic prosperity and economic decline impact Americans and American culture?
- How did some events of the 1920s demonstrate clashes between traditional values and changing views?
- How did F.D. Roosevelt’s approach to solving the problems of the Great Depression differ from Hoover’s?
- Did the New Deal solve the problems of the Great Depression?