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STUDY AID FOR TAKE HOME FINAL EXAMINATION

The final examination is worth 50% of the final grade. The student will be required to prepare answers to 3 essays, based on class notes and reading assignments from the textbook only, with no outside sources to be used. The student MUST choose one essay from Questions 1-3; one essay from Questions 4-7; and one essay from Questions 8-10. The take home exam MUST be typed double-spaced and the pages MUST be stapled before handing in on the Final Exam day, and NO papers will be accepted in my mail slot or sent by email, ONLY in PERSON to the instructor. Also, the class course number and hours of class MUST be clearly listed on the work handed in.

1. Reconstruction was a crucial period in American history. Discuss the major personalities, events and controversies of these years and how the end of Reconstruction affected American politics and society.
2. Minority groups have faced many trials and tribulations in American history. Discuss the situation of the following groups in the late 19th and early 20th centuries – blacks, Indians, and the “new” immigrants.
3. The industrialization of the American economy in the late 19th century resulted in the growth of large corporations and attempts to organize industrial labor. Discuss the growth of big business and the rise of labor organizations between the Civil War and World War I.
4. Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft and Woodrow Wilson were occupants of the White House during the Progressive Era. How progressive were they? Discuss their record in domestic affairs, comparing and contrasting them as presidential leaders.
5. American foreign policy from 1865 to 1920 was one of the growth of an empire and an increased world role. Discuss these trends, particularly concentrating on the Spanish American War and World War I.
6. The administrations of the Republican presidents of the 1920s were years of economic expansion, political conservatism and great social change followed by total economic collapse. Discuss the major events and development of the years 1921-1933.
7. Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal transformed America during the Great Depression. Discuss the major concepts, programs and policies of the New Deal.
8. American foreign policy underwent great transformation in the years between 1921 and 1945. Discuss the major foreign policy developments of these years.
9. The Truman and Eisenhower Presidencies were a time of controversy in both domestic and foreign policy. Discuss the major developments of the years 1945-1961.

10. Discuss the positive and negative developments in the administrations of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Richard M. Nixon in the years 1961-1974.