**American History II Final Exam Review Sheet**

**Unit 1-The Great West & the Gilded Age**

1) What is Manifest Destiny?

2) What motivated the first large wave of settlers to move west?

3) What was the Transcontinental Railroad?

4) Which companies built the Transcontinental Railroad?

5) Which immigrant group played the largest role in the Transcontinental Railroad being built?

6) Explain the main details of each event of the Indian Wars:

Sand Creek Massacre, Little Big Horn, Wounded Knee Massacre

7) Who wrote *Century of Dishonor* and what was it about?

8) What was the Dawes Severalty Act and what did it do?

11) Who were the Populists?

12) What was the platform of the Populists?

13) Who was William Jennings Bryan?

14) What was the purpose of the ICC?

15) What was the “Gilded Age?” Why did Mark Twain call it that?

16) What was a political machine? Who was the most famous person involved in political machines?

17) Who was each of the following Gilded Age Industrialists?

Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, JP Morgan, Cornelius Vanderbilt

18) Why were Industrialists of the Gilded Age called Robber Barons by some?

19) What is Social Darwinism?

20) What are the main points of Andrew Carnegie’s Gospel of Wealth?

21) What was the purpose of the Sherman Antitrust Act? Why did it only have limited success?

22) Who started the AFL and what was its purpose?

23) Who was Eugene V. Debs and what was his involvement on the Pullman Strike?

24) Explain the events of the Haymarket Square Strike?

25) Where did immigrants enter the U.S. on the east coast? Which groups came through there in the latter part of the 19th to early 20th Centuries?

26) Where did immigrants enter the U.S. on the west coast? Which groups were largely restricted from entering there?

27) What are tenements?

28) Who was Jane Addams?

29) Who was Jacob Riis and what book did he write to expose the terrible conditions of the tenements? What law was passed due to Upton Sinclair’s *The Jungle*?

30) What is the main idea behind the Progressive Movement?

31) Who was Booker T. Washington and what was his Atlanta Compromise Speech about?

32) Who was W.E.B. DuBois and in what ways did he disagree with Booker T. Washington?

33) What is the N.A.A.C.P?

34) What are Muckrakers?

36) What was the significance of the *Plessey vs. Ferguson* Supreme Court Case?

38) Why did it become necessary to build skyscrapers in urban areas?

40) What did the Federal Reserve Act do?

41) Which giant company was the first to be considered a bad trust and therefore broken up by Theodore Roosevelt’s trust busting campaign?

42) What was the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire and how did it effect the workplace for all workers?

44) Explain how each of the following restricted access to voting for southern blacks:

Poll tax, Literacy Tests, Grandfather Clauses

**Unit 2-** **Imperialism and Isolationism: American Foreign Policy in the Modern Age**

45) What is imperialism?

46) What policy of Teddy Roosevelt said that we should negotiate kindly with other nations, but back up our interests with a strong, international military presence?

47) Who was Alfred T. Mahan and what “influential” book did he write?

48) What was the Roosevelt Corollary?

49) What is Yellow Journalism?

50) How did Yellow Journalism help cause the Spanish American War? (hint: U.S.S. Maine)

51) What was the names of the foreign policies of the following Presidents called:

Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Woodrow Wilson

52) Which engineering project greatly cut the time and cost of sailing from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean?

53) What did McKinley’s Open Door Policy state?

55) Explain how Alaska was acquired by the U.S.

56) What was the Platt Amendment?

57) Explain how Hawaii was acquired by the U.S.

59) What was the Zimmerman Note and how did it lead to the U.S. entering WWI?

60) What does neutrality mean?

61) Which ship was sunk due to unrestricted U-Boat warfare by the Germans and helped raise tensions between the U.S. & Germany?

62) Which law attempted to quickly call up 3 million men to be drafted into the U.S. military during WWI?

63) What did the Sedition Act (1918) do?

64) What did the Espionage Act do?

66) What was the purpose of the Committee on Public Information

67) What was the purpose of the War Industries Board?

68) What was John Pershing’s role during WWI?

69) What type of warfare dominated the Western Front?

70) What was the Great Migration? What was President Wilson’s plan for peace, which included “Peace Without Victory” called?

71) What treaty ended WWI? How did it plant the seeds for WWII?

**Unit Three- Speakeasies and Hoovervilles: The Roaring 20s to the New Deal**

72) What effect did the Great Migration have on KKK membership?

73) What were the Palmer Raids?

74) Who were Sacco & Vanzetti and what happened to them?

75) What was the Dawes Plan?

76) What economic policies did President Harding & Coolidge promote?

77) What is buying on the margin and why is it risky?

78) Who was Charles Lindbergh and what was his biggest accomplishment?

79) What was the Teapot Dome Scandal?

80) Explain how the Scopes Monkey Trial showed the conflict between fundamentalism and modernism.

81) What was the Harlem Renaissance and who was Langston Hughes?

83) Who was Louis Armstrong?

84) What economic policies did President Harding & Coolidge promote?

85) What is buying on the margin and why is it risky?

86) Who was Charles Lindbergh and what was his biggest accomplishment?

87) What happened to the Bonus Army and how did this affect President Hoover’s image?

88) What were Hoovervilles?

89) What were speakeasies?

90) What was FDR’s New Deal?

91) Explain the purpose of the following New Deal programs:

SEC, FDIC, AAA, TVA, NRA, SSA

93) What was FDR’s Court Packing scheme?

94) Why did some individuals criticize FDR’s New Deal Program?

**Unit Four- From D-Day to Doomsday: World War II and the Start of the Cold War**

95) What was the Lend Lease Act and who did it help?

96) What event caused the US to enter WWII?

97) Which battle was the turning point in the Pacific Theatre?

98) What was D-Day?

99) Which General led the American military during WWII?

100) Explain the military strategy of island-hopping during WWII?

101) Why was the battle of Iwo Jima so significant?

102) How did most people in the home front get to see moving images of WWII?

103) Who was Rosie the Riveter?

104) What happened to Japanese citizens in the U.S. during WWII?

105) What was the name of the secret project to build the atomic bomb by the U.S.?

106) After WWII, what international organization was created in an attempt to avoid future wars?

107) What was the Cold War? Which two countries were against each other and why?

108) What was the Iron Curtain?

109) What is NATO?

110) What did Truman’s foreign policy against communism become to be known as?

111) Who was Fidel Castro?

112) What is the 38th Parallel in Korea? What does it have to do with the Korean War?

113) What was Levittown and why was important in post-war America?

114) What was the Taft-Hartley Act?

115) What was HUAC?

116) Who was Senator Joseph McCarthy and what group did he attempt to root out of American society?

117) What led to McCarthy’s downfall?

118) What was Sputnik? What affect did it have on the Space Race?

119) Why did some Americans build fall-out shelters in the 1950’s?

**Unit Five- A Crisis of Authority: Civil Rights, Vietnam, and Watergate**

120) What did the Supreme Court Case Brown v. Board of Education decide?

121) Did the Warren Court use a loose or strict interpretation of most of the cases that it heard?

122) Why was Little Rock, Arkansas an important event that happened in the Civil Rights Movement?

123) Who was Martin Luther King Jr. and what techniques did he use to try and achieve equality for all?

124) Who was Rosa Parks and how did she start the Montgomery Bus Boycott?

125) Who were the Black Panthers and what was their approach to the Civil Rights Movement?

126) What is affirmative action? Why would someone support it? Why would someone be against it?

127) Who are Gloria Steinem and Betty Friedan? What are their contributions to the women’s rights movement?

128) What is Title IX of the Higher Education Act of 1972? Why is it significant?

129) What was the significance of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision?

130) What was the purpose of the Equal Rights Amendment? Did it pass?

131) Who is Cesar Chavez? What role did he play with unions?

132) Who was Rachel Carson? What movement was her work responsible for?

133) What is the purpose of the EPA? Which President created the EPA?

134) What was the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and what effect did it have on the Vietnam War?

135) What was the May Lai Massacre and what effect did it have on war protests in Vietnam?

136) Explain Nixon’s policy of Vietnamization.

137) What was the counter-culture movement of the 1960’s and why did it arise?

138) What effect did television have on the Vietnam War?

139) What is détente? How did Nixon use détente with China and the USSR?

140) What happened at the Watergate Hotel and what effect did this have on Nixon’s Presidency?

**Unit Six: New Hopes; New Fears- Reagan Conservatism, Clinton Liberalism, and Foreign Terrorism**

141) What is stagflation?

142) What was the main point of Jimmy Carter’s “Crisis of Confidence” speech?

143) What happened at the Camp David Accords?

144) What was the Iran Hostage Crisis?

145) What happened at 3-Mile-Island? How did this hurt the nuclear energy industry?

146) How did the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan affect the SALT II talks?

147) What was Ronald Reagan’s plan to place an anti-missile defense system in outer space called? Was it ever implemented?

148) What is the theory of supply-side economics?

149) What is globalization?

150) What were the details of the Iran-Contra affair?

151) Why did the U.S. go to war with Iraq in the 1990’s?

152) What did Clinton mean when he called himself a “New Democrat?”

153) What is the purpose of NAFTA?

154) What was the U.S. role in Bosnia during the Clinton Administration?

155) Why was President Clinton impeached from the office of the Presidency? Was he removed from office by the Senate?

156) What controversy occurred during the election of 2000 and how was it resolved?

157) Why was the Patriot Act passed after September 11th, 2001?

158) What is the purpose of the Department of Homeland Security?

159) Why did the U.S. invade Afghanistan in 2002?

160) Why did the U.S. go to war with Iraq in 2003?