

U.S. History - Unit 1 Exam Review Sheet

Chapters Covered in this Unit: 1, 3, 4, 5

Lectures:

- What was going on in North America before the colonies?
- Why leave the Old World?
- How to the American Colonies defeat the British?
- How did we compromise with the Constitution

Key Concepts to know:

- The general nature of what was going on in North America prior to 1492
- How were natives in North and South America affected by first contact with Europeans?
- Why didn't Europeans get sick from the North and South American people?
- Why did the Europeans bring such significant diseases?
- What was, and how did, the Columbian Exchange change the world?
- The colony of Roanoke (why was this important to the US story?)
- The colony of Jamestown
- Importance of Tobacco in the New World. Why? What other crops became important?
- The Pilgrims... how did they contribute to the early myths and lore of the US?
- What three powers were invested in North America, and what was each power looking for?
- The British were able to outlast the other two powers... why was this almost to be expected?
- How did the North and South start to differ in terms of the economies?
- The Slave Trade (Triangular Trade & middle passage)... why were slaves even needed in the colonies?
- The Enlightenment and the Great Awakening (how did these two change colonists' thoughts)
- The French-Indian War - why was it fought and who were the victors
- The Proclamation Line of 1763
- Why were the colonies taxed more after the French-Indian War?
- Sugar Act, Stamp Act, Declaratory Acts, "Intolerable" Acts
- Boston Massacre
- Boston Tea Party
- The Sons of Liberty
- Lexington and Concord - why were these skirmishes so important?
- The Minutemen
- Loyalists and Patriots
- Declaration of Independence and John Locke
- Revolutionary War Battles: Bunker Hill, Trenton, Saratoga, Yorktown
- Revolutionary War Figures: Washington, George III, Lafayette, Cornwallis, von Stuben, Marion,
- British war strategy vs. American war strategy
- Why Guerilla tactics were necessary to win the war, and how we used them
- Common Sense by Thomas Paine
- Colonists views on war... were most pushing for independence, or no?
- Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
- Northwest Ordinance of 1787
- Shay's Rebellion - why do we primarily remember it today?

- James Madison
- Virginia Plan vs. New Jersey Plan (what did each primarily want?)
- Connecticut Compromise
- 3/5ths Compromise
- Electoral College (I don't need you to know all the details, just what it basically stands for and does)
- Federalists vs. Antifederalists
- The Federalist Papers - Jay, Hamilton, Madison
- Bill of Rights (don't need to know all - just why they were needed/requested)