

United States History 2 Mid Term Exam Fall 2015

Instructions: Please answer the Multiple Choice questions on your answer sheet. The Constructed Response questions and Essay questions should be answered on the lined paper provided to you. The Multiple Choice questions are worth 2 points each. The Constructed Response questions are worth 5 points each. The Essay questions are worth 25 points each. Rubrics are included for the written portions of this exam... Good Luck!

Essay Questions

- A. What were the benefits and drawbacks of Westward Expansion?
- B. What were the effects of the Reconstruction on Blacks, Southern Whites and Northern Whites?
- C. How did the Industrial Revolution impact farming, people and politics?
- D. Was Imperialism a good thing for the United States? Explain with evidence.
- E. Why did the US enter WW1 do you agree with this decision? Support your answer.
- F. How would our country be different if the United States had chosen to avoid Imperialism?

Essay Writing Rubric

Categories and criteria	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Knowledge/Understanding Information and ideas	Demonstrates limited understanding of topic or theme	Demonstrates some understanding of topic or theme	Demonstrates considerable understanding of topic or theme	Demonstrates thorough understanding of topic or theme
Thinking/Inquiry Analyzing and Interpretation	Analyzes and interprets information with limited effectiveness	Analyzes and interprets information with some effectiveness	Analyzes and interprets information with considerable effectiveness	Analyzes and interprets information with a high degree of effectiveness
Communication Language and Style	Meaning and intent are frequently unclear Demonstrates limited sense of purpose and audience	Meaning and intent are sometimes unclear Demonstrates some sense of purpose and audience	Meaning and intent are clear Demonstrates clear sense of purpose and audience	Meaning and intent are clear and engaging Demonstrates strong sense of purpose and audience
Application Language conventions	Frequent, major mechanical errors	Some major mechanical errors	Some minor mechanical errors	Few minor mechanical errors
Supporting opinions	Communicates ideas with limited clarity; unsupported opinions	Communicates ideas with some clarity; few supported opinions	Communicates ideas with considerable clarity; effectively supported opinions	Communicates ideas with a high degree of clarity; insightfully supported opinions
Other				