

US History Final Exam Information:

The final exam will count for 20% of your grade and will have two sections:

Short answer and essay. The exam will cover information from this semester's units

Unit 5 – Forging an industrial society

Unit 6 - US on the world stage

Unit 7 - 1920s and 1930s

Unit 8 – WWII

Unit 9 – 1950s and the Cold War

Unit 10 – 1960-present

To prepare for the short answer questions – I suggest that you review your class notes and chapter notes as well as this semester's tests.

For the essay section of the test two of the following questions will appear on the exam and you will choose to write on one. **You will only need to write one essay on the exam.** All essays must have an introduction, a minimum of three body paragraphs and a conclusion. Your essay should use the time periods we have studied this semester (listed above) and historical evidence to support your argument and topic sentences.

Possible Essay Questions:

1. Both Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt were presidents of the United States during extremely difficult times when the nation faced a large crisis or set of crisis. Compare and Contrast the leadership of these two presidents. Did they handle the challenges confronting them in similar or different ways?
2. The size, the power and the level of involvement of the US government in its citizen's lives has grown throughout history. This has not happened all at once, but as a slow progression. What are so events that caused this? Is it a good thing?
3. How did the use, development and threat of Nuclear Weapons shape the conflicts of Cold War Period of the 1960s and 70s? How has this threat changed in the last 20 years?
4. "The Civil Rights Movement in the United States in the 1950s and 1960s became a model for other minority groups wanting to assert their rights." Assess the validity of this statement by considering one or more other minority group.