AMDG
American History 8 – Mr. Ruppert
Final Exam Review Guide

Date of the Exam: Tuesday, June 2, 2014

Content Covered:
Chapter 20: The Spirit of Reform
Chapter 21: America as a World Power
Chapter 22: World War I
Chapter 23: The Roaring Twenties
Chapter 24: The Great Depression
Chapter 25: World War II

Format of Exam:

Part A: Objective Identifications / Multiple Choice / Chronology
190 Identifications / Multiple Choice (approximately 30-35 per chapter)
10 chronology questions
= 200 x .3 each = 60 points

Part B: Social Studies Skills Questions (maps, charts, reading comprehension)
25 questions x .6 each = 15 points

Part C: Political Cartoon Analysis = 10 points
Consult your political cartoon review packet. There are anywhere from 3 to 6 cartoons
for each chapter presented in the packet. On the exam you will be presented with one
choice from each chapter (therefore, 6 cartoons total as options). You will choose the
one you feel you can best explain.

Part D: Essay = 15 points
Requires a full intro/body/conclusion on the attached topic.

Study Tips:
• Use the review resources on the web site (old HW packets, old tests and quizzes, sample tests,
  summary readings, etc.)

• Space out your studying. Make a review schedule in the days leading up to the exam.

• Mr. Ruppert will hold MS flextime reviews on Friday, May 29th and Monday, June 1st. The
  purpose of this meeting is primarily to help you ask questions about the cartoons and essay
  question.

• Utilize the “MEGA-REVIEW” session, which Mr. Ruppert will hold after school on Monday, June
  1st. It will go from 3pm until 5:30pm. Feel free to stop in or leave at any point, as your schedule
  and ride situation may dictate. A “Quiz Challenge” gameshow format will be utilized in order to
  review multiple choice and identification questions from throughout the semester.
Political Cartoon Extravaganza

Chapter 20 - Spirit of Reform

1906

The cartoon illustrates the spirit of reform during the early 20th century in the United States. The term "Bad Trusts" refers to the trust racket, where large corporations were formed to control multiple industries. The cartoon humorously depicts the impact of this on the country.

Chapter 20-24 / 1 per chapter on the exam / you explain 2 of them!
World War One
Chapter 22

1914

1917

1918
8th Grade Final Exam Essay

Instructions:
Write a complete and detailed essay on the following topic. Your essay needs to contain a definite introduction, body, and conclusion to receive full credit. It should be five paragraphs in length. (intro, three body paragraphs, conclusion)

This past semester, as we studied United States History since 1900, we have seen a gradual transformation of the role which the FEDERAL (Washington, D.C.) government has played in the lives of our citizens, particularly where it comes to intervening to protect and improve the lives of the less fortunate and oppressed in our society. At different times this has taken the form of passage of new Congressional legislation, Constitutional Amendments, and also Supreme Court decisions.

Three eras where we most saw many examples of government "stepping up" for the people were the Progressive Era (1900-1916), The New Deal Era (1933-1939), and the Civil Rights / Great Society Era of the 1950s and 1960s. (Use the "Modern Times" reading for the 1950s-60s)

A) After writing the introduction, for each era, identify and discuss multiple examples which illustrate the federal government taking on a more active role in the protection and welfare the American people during that time period.

For your conclusion:

B) Obviously, as this transformation in our government has taken place, the federal government has grown in size, scope, and expense as the "welfare state" has been created and expanded over the past 100 years of our history. What are your views on this gradual growth in the size and responsibilities of the federal government? Today, do you feel that our federal government offers too much in the way of a "safety net" for our people, still offers too little, or is it a good balance currently? Explain.