

The American Yawp

VOLUME I: to 1877

Midterm Exam

Choose any three of the following questions. Be sure to have a clear argument that you defend with relevant evidence. Organize your paper with a logical structure and use clear topic sentences and transitions to help your reader understand the logic of your organization. Edit your paper thoroughly to avoid errors and to improve readability. Give your paper a title that reflects your argument.

Grading criteria:

- **Argument: 25%** Does your paper have a clear, singular, specific argument that answers the question?
- **Evidence: 25%** Do you use all of the relevant evidence to defend your argument?
- **Organization: 25%** Does your paper have a logical structure and use clear topic sentences and transitions?
- **Clarity: 25%** Is your prose efficient, crisp and polished, free of excessive passive voice or distracting spelling or grammatical errors?

Questions:

1. How did Indian culture change over time?
2. How did Spain defeat the empires of the New World?
3. Why did the Spanish, Dutch, French, and English treat Native peoples differently?
4. What explains the differences between Virginia and New England?
5. How did political turmoil in 17th century Britain influence life in the colonies?
6. How did geography influence slave life?
7. What caused the Consumer Revolution, and how did it change American life?
8. How did Indian life change in the 18th century?
9. Why did the United States declare independence?
10. How did the United States win the war?
11. How radical was the American Revolution?
12. Was the United States founded as a Christian nation?
13. Did the United States draw more from the vision of Alexander Hamilton or Thomas Jefferson?
14. What were the causes and consequences of the War of 1812?