

The American Yawp

VOLUME I: to 1877

Final 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. Did technology or migration do more to change antebellum America?
2. How did the market revolution create social conflict?
3. How did American democracy change in the 1820s?
4. Is Andrew Jackson's presidency best understood as tragedy, triumph, or irony?
5. How did Americans respond to the Second Great Awakening?
6. Why did antislavery Americans begin to demand the immediate abolition of slavery?
7. How did white Southerners justify slavery?
8. How did enslaved people endure their oppression?
9. Was the early United States an empire?
10. Did American growth help or hinder national unity?
11. How did conflict over states' rights contribute to sectional conflict?
12. Why did the South secede?
13. Who freed the slaves?
14. Why did the Union win the war?