

History # 222
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Write on one of the following essay questions in Part I:

1. Despite the surface clash of values, programs, and politics there was a deep-flowing current which gave unity and cohesion to the Progressive Era. This fundamental or integrative theme was the search for order. How did the Presidencies of Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson reflect this fundamental concern?
 2. Assuming that the architects of the "New Frontier" and the "Great Society" were serious about their reform programs they uniformly demonstrated a chronic historic amnesia. For the lesson to be learned from the Wilson war years (1917-1920) was that America cannot wage a foreign war and conduct a domestic reform crusade at the same time. [50%]
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Write on one of the following essays in Part II:

1. Professor Bentley B. Barff's handy new compendium on the New Deal entitled: Everything You Wanted to Know About the New Deal But Were Too Intelligent to Ask [1972] makes the startling argument that the New Deal was a smashing political success but a dismal economic failure. What is your reaction to the Barff thesis? [50%]
2. Historians favorably and critically disposed toward the New Deal both agree that FDR's domestic policies fell far short of ushering in America's "Third Revolution." After reading Leuchtenberg/Bernstein articles one is left with the composite impression ~~that~~ that the New Deal solved many problems, created perplexing new ones, obscured others, and left many unsolved. Discuss [50%]

History 217
Exam 1 2017

Write an essay of the following essay questions:

1. On the eve of President Washington's first inaugural address the Founding Fathers agreed that a republican form of government, while it was desirable, was still a fragile basis upon which to build a government because of republicanism's tendency toward internal decay. One of the dangers that was uppermost in their minds was factionalism that bred "party spirit." Yet, before the decade was over the nation's political life was divided into two separate and distinct camps—the Federalists and the Republicans.

How do you account for the emergence of America's first party system in the 1790s? [80%]

2. "The War of 1812 marks the low point in this nation's history. President's Madison's War Message came at a time when England was preparing to negotiate our mutual differences. The Republican party leadership failed utterly to prepare the nation for this war; and our lachrymose victory at New Orleans came a month after peace had been set at Ghent. The Republicans forced on the nation a war that was as unnecessary, ill-aimed, unpopular, and hopelessly prosecuted. All this demonstrates that the Jeffersonian-Madisonian Republicans are unfit to govern."

Assume you are a Republican and an editor of a party newspaper in 1815. How would you answer this political attack from the Hartford Federalists? [80%]

Part II Students must answer this question:

How does Richard Wade in Slavery in the Cities deal with the Denmark Vesey plot in Charleston, So. Carolina? What does the title of Wade's response to the plot say about race relations in the antebellum South? [80%]

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1. How did each of the following presidents respond to the crucial issue of slavery in the territories--Zach Taylor, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, and Abraham Lincoln. Evaluate each of them in terms of the soundness of his approach to this question. [50%]

2. Assume you are Frederick Douglass or some other nationally recognized spokesman for Black America. The year is 1865 and the nation mourns its martyred President. Congress invites you to join the roster of prominent citizens requested to take part in the funeral orations.
You decide to accept. You also decide to be charitable to the fallen wartime leader when you can; but, above all, honest as you must in evaluating Lincoln from a Black man's perspective.
What would you say? [50%]

3. From the formation of the Republic until the onset of the Civil War the politicians tried to compromise away the divisive issue of slavery in order to preserve sectional peace and political stability. Write an essay analyzing these compromises and why you think they failed? [50%]

4. With the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860 the South really had no alternative but to secede from the Union. The Republican victory in 1860 was a real(not just a symbolic)threat to the slave institution and in the long run to the very existence of the southern society. The South correctly understood the Republican party ideology and therefore left the Union. Do you agree or disagree with this assessment? Comment. [50%]

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