**Exam Cram**

1. **Complete the following discussion questions:**
   1. Why couldn't the United States create or sustain a democracy/republic in the 19th century without civil war?
   2. The Civil War, in its causes, course, and consequences, is a distinctive example of how progress is the central theme of American history. Defend? Criticize?
   3. Analyze the Republican Party and its significance in the causes, course, and consequences of the Civil War.
   4. How did the causes of the Civil War shape the military conduct of the war, and in turn the great issues and consequences of Reconstruction?
   5. "The South was the problem." The tragedy of the Civil War era stemmed from the South's "peculiar" relationship with the rest of the nation. Defend? Criticize?
   6. The Civil War as “turning point” in American history: the relative weight of military, political, constitutional, social, moral, economic explanations?
   7. How did debates over or interpretations of the U. S. Constitution shape the causes, course, and consequences of the Civil War?
   8. Was Reconstruction a "failure?" Why do we ask that question? How should we ask that question? What are the criteria for assessing this question?
   9. How or to what extent were African Americans the makers of their own fate during Reconstruction, and to what extent were they the “problem” about which everyone else struggled?
   10. Some have argued that the coming of the Civil War was irrepressible or inevitable by the late 1850s. Was the “retreat” from Reconstruction in the 1870s equally inevitable?
   11. Why did the Reconstruction years bring about unprecedented levels of political terror and violence?

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1. **From your Barron’s Book:**

Read:

* Pg. 19: how to answer short-answer
* Additional Reading/Overview of Chapters:
  + Pg. 149-172
  + Complete Practice MC: pg. 173

1. **From Online Resources:**
   1. Google: Mr. Reed’s Podcasts or <http://74.220.207.112/~mrreedne/podcasts/podcasts.htm>

* Listen to the following Podcasts (or any other’s that you please)
  + 33.1-4 (Decade of Crisis)
  + 34.1-4 (The Approaching War)
  + 35.1-3 (The Civil War)
  + 36.1-3 (Abolition of Slavery)
  + 37.1-3 (Ramifications of the War)
  + 38.1-3 (Presidential and Congressional Reconstruction Plans)
  + 39.1-3 (The End of Reconstruction)
  + 40.1-3 (The New South)
  1. Youtube: John Green Crash Course US History or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6E9WU9TGrec&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMwmepBjTSG593eG7ObzO7s&index=1>
* Watch Episodes:
  + 13 (Slavery) Review
  + 17 (War and Expansion) Review
  + 18 (The Election of 1860 and the Road to Disunion)
  + 19 (Battles of the Civil War)
  + 20 (The Civil War Pt 1)
  + 21 (The Civil War Pt2)
  + 22 (Reconstruction and 1876)

1. **Study your notecards and your own notes**
2. **My notes are also posted on the wiki**
3. **Google search things you are confused about. It’s amazing what you can find when you aren’t studying.. but what you’re incapable of finding when you are studying (sarcasm)**
4. **Form a study group!**