

## Exam Cram

### **A. Complete the following discussion questions:**

- a. Why couldn't the United States create or sustain a democracy/republic in the 19th century without civil war?
- b. 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?
- c. Analyze the Republican Party and its significance in the causes, course, and consequences of the Civil War.
- d. 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?
- e. "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?
- f. The Civil War as "turning point" in American history: the relative weight of military, political, constitutional, social, moral, economic explanations?
- g. How did debates over or interpretations of the U. S. Constitution shape the causes, course, and consequences of the Civil War?
- h. Was Reconstruction a "failure?" Why do we ask that question? How should we ask that question? What are the criteria for assessing this question?
- i. 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?
- j. 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?
- k. Why did the Reconstruction years bring about unprecedented levels of political terror and violence?

\*\*Adapted from Professor Blight at Yale University\*\*

### **B. 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

### **C. From Online Resources:**

- a. 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)
- b. 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)

**D. Study your notecards and your own notes**

**E. My notes are also posted on the wiki**

**F. 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)**

**G. Form a study group!**