Our final exam will cover the unit on Federalism—from the New Deal to Deregulation (OpenStax CH3). Additionally, we will assess the units on Civil Rights (OpenStax CH4) and Civil Liberties (OpenStax CH5), the changing faces of America’s political parties (OpenStax CH9), as well as voting, campaigns, and elections (OpenStax CH7). The content for the final exam will be drawn from OpenStax, in-class lecture presentations, as well as CANVAS quizzes, doc reviews, and reflections. Below are a series of sample questions intended to help you prepare for the final exam.

Explain the impact of the New Deal on the size and scope of American government, as well as the effects of the New Deal on the political culture of the United States.

What were some of the prevailing attitudes toward the New Deal in the 1930 and 1940s? Did these attitudes change over time? Explain, how and/or why.

Assess the economic and political consequences of post-war prosperity in the United States.

How did the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s impact Americans’ attitudes toward the Federal government? Were these attitudes consistent?

Analyze the economic and political climate in the United States in the 1970s. Identity some key political issues of this period.

Analyze the political and economic solutions proposed by Jimmy Carter in the late 1970s.

Assess the political ideology of Ronald Reagan. How did it differ from FDR’s New Deal? Was it successful?

Define one example of how the Democratic party has undergone change since its inception.

Define one example of how the Republican party has undergone change since its inception.

What was important about the Election of 1860?

How did the period of Reconstruction affect the role of government in the United States? Where there any catalysts of political change that emerged during this period?

Compare and/or contrast the political ideologies of Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Roosevelt. How did each view the role of government in American political life?

Analyze the significance of the election of Dwight Eisenhower in 1952. What did it mean for the New Deal consensus?

What was significant about the Election of 1968? Where there any meaningful changes as a result of this election?

Compare and/or contrast the Supreme Court rulings of Plessy v. Ferguson (1896) and Brown vs Board of Education (1954)?

Analyze an example of realignment, or dealignment, in American politics.

What impact has the Civil Rights movement had on American electoral politics?

How can American elections effect the system of checks and balances and/or the separation of powers?

How can American elections effect the flow of power within the Federal government?

How can American elections effect the flow of power within the Republican and/or Democratic parties?
Explain the importance of voter turnout in American elections.

What are some predictors of voter behavior in the United States?

What are some trends in voter turnout in the United States?

Explain the importance of mobilization in American elections.