The midterm for this course will be administered online via CANVAS. The exam will consist of 30 multiple choice questions (worth .5 points each) and 5 free response questions (worth 2 points each). Students will be assessed on their ability to demonstrate command of materials from our units on Reconstruction, Western Expansion, the Rise of Big Business, and the Age of Reform. Additionally, students will be expected to identify why these subjects are relevant to a broader understanding of United States history. Content will specifically be drawn for class lectures, assigned readings, and documentaries. Below are some of the historical topics and points of emphasis which will be found on the exam:

The Old South/Antebellum Period
  - Representations of...
  - Characteristics of..
Postbellum South
Radical Reconstruction
Reconstruction Amendments
14th Amendment
  - Equal Protection Clause
  - Consequences of...
The New South
  - Politics of...
  - Economics of...
  - Black Suffrage
  - Resistance Movements
Sharecropping
  - Crop-Lien System
Black Independence
  - Challenges to...
  - Leadership
Panic of 1873
Election of 1876
Solid South
Home Rule
Redeemers
Lost Cause
Manifest Destiny
  - Historical memory, representations of...
  - Role of Federal Gov’t
American Cowboy
  - Images and representations of...
  - The ‘Open Range’
  - Cattle Drives
Barbed Wire
  - Significance of...
Frontier Thesis
  - Fredrick Jackson Turner
Dawes Act
Buffalo
  - As economic staple
  - As symbol
  - Importance to Native Tribes
Transcontinental Railroad
  - Role in Western expansion
  - Economics of...
- Construction and funding of...
- Big 4
- Role of Chinese labor
- Legacy of...

American Oil Industry
- Emergence of...

Standard Oil
- Business Practices

Gospel of Wealth

State Institutions Promoting American Industry
- Corporation
- Trust
- Tariff

American Capitalism
- Rise of...
- Effects of...
- Characteristics of...
- Tides of consolidation

Industrial Labor
- Emergence of...
- Characteristics of...
- Challenges facing...
- Collective action...

Reform Movement
- Emergence of...
- Role of American cities...
- Role of children...
- Gilded Age...
- Role of immigration...