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 demonstrate command of materials related to our studies of American Imperialism, Isolationism, WWI, the Great Depression, and the New Deal. They will evaluate the ascent of the U.S. towards great power status through examinations of WWII, the Cold War, the Civil Rights movement, the Vietnam era, and Watergate. They will further assess whether American entered a period of fatigue, or malaise, following the resignation of Richard Nixon and analyze the impact of the Reagan Revolution on U.S. History. 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:

- Presidency of Theodore Roosevelt
- American Exceptionalism
- Panama Canal
- Election of 1912
- Woodrow Wilson
  - 16th Amendment
  - Re-election
  - and WWI
  - League of Nations
  - Wilsonian Idealism
  - Opposition to...
- Neutrality
  - Causes of...
- Isolationism
  - Challenges of...
- World War I
  - Sinking of Lusitania
  - Mobilization Efforts
  - Draft
  - Liberty Bonds
  - Treaty of Versailles
  - German Reparations
- Treaty of Versailles
  - Paris Peace Conference
  - American opposition to...
  - Consequences of rebuke
- Great Migration
  - Opportunities in wartime economy
- Stock Market Crash
  - Black Tuesday
- Great Depression
  - Causes of...
  - European impact
  - Contagion
- Herbert Hoover
  - Response to downturn
  - Role of American individualism
  - Hooversvilles
- Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt
  - Rise of...
  - Expansion of Federal power
-Fireside Chats

The New Deal
- Banking Act of 1933
- ...and American farming
- NRA
- Opposition to...
- Social Security
- WPA
- Impact on national debt
- Court packing

Wagner Act

American Imperialism in Central America
- United Fruit Company
- Military Intervention
- Big Stick Foreign Policy
- Role of American Exceptionalism

World War II
- Causes
- American Isolationism
- Pearl Harbor
- ...as cause of domestic changes
- Japanese Internment
- Wartime economy
- Role of Women
- Role of African Americans

European Theatre
- Role of FDR; American Diplomacy
- D-Day
- V-E Day

Pacific Theatre
- Island Hopping
- Atomic Bomb

Harry Truman

Cold War
- Red Scare
- HUAC
- Loss of China
- Richard Nixon
- Ronald Reagan
- Joseph McCarthy
- Containment

Marshall Plan

United Nations

NATO

Warsaw Pact

Post-War Prosperity
- Urbanization
- Suburbanization
- Politics of...
- Consumerism

John F. Kennedy
- Election of 1960
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- Assassination of...

Vietnam War
- Domino Theory
- Pentagon Papers
- Opposition to...

Lyndon B. Johnson
- Great Society
- Election of 1964

Barry Goldwater
- Conservative Movement
- Time for Choosing Speech

Civil Rights Movement
- Brown vs Board of Education
- Martin Luther King Jr.
- Desegregation
- Black Power/Black separatism
- Civil Rights Act (1964)
- Voting Rights Act (1965)
- Civil Rights Act (1968)
- Redlining
- Fair Housing Act

Richard Nixon
- Election of 1968
- End of post-war prosperity
- Election of 1972
- Southern Strategy
- Peace with Honor
- Opening of China
- Henry Kissinger
- Watergate
- Resignation
- Pardon of...

Gerald Ford

Jimmy Carter
- Politics of...
- Evangelism
- Malaise/Crisis of Confidence
- Iranian Hostage Affair

Ronald Reagan
- Small government
- Reaganomics
- Deregulation
- Deficit spending
- Cold War politics
- Legacy of...