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# **American Semester II Final Review Packet**

| Directions: This packet represents the important themes and conce   | pts covered in America History this   |
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| semester. Your unit packets we created after each unit will be your | r best source of information for this |
| review. You will be able to use this packet on the final for        | minutes.                              |

#### WORLD WAR II

- 1. What countries made up the Allied Powers?
- 2. What countries made up the Axis Powers?
- 3. Who were the 3 main dictators for the Axis side and what were their goals?
- 4. Who were the US presidents during WWII?
- 5. How did Adolph Hitler come to power?
- 6. What was the Holocaust? (include lebensraum and anti-Semitism)
- 7. When and how did the US enter the war?
- 8. Who were the Supreme Allied Commanders in the European and Pacific Theaters?
- 9. What was Nisei?
- 10. What two Japanese cities were destroyed by Atomic bombs? Why?
- 11. Who won WWII?

#### Cold War

- 1. What was the US fighting in the Cold War?
- 2. Who was our primary enemy during the Cold War?
- 3. Where did the Cold War turn hot?
- 4. What was the Iron Curtain and who came up with that name?
- 5. Who was Joseph Stalin?
- 6. What was the U2 Spy Plane incident?

- 7. What was the Bay of Pigs Invasion?
- 8. What was the Cuban Missile Crisis?
- 9. Describe what happened in the Korean Conflict: (UN?)
- 10. Who was Mikhail Gorbechev?
- 11. Who won the Cold War?
- 12. What other countries were Communist as discussed in class? Why would this matter to the US?
- 13. What was the Domino Theory?
- 14. What was the US policy during the Cold War?
- 15. What happens to John F. Kennedy in 1963?
- 16. How was life different under a totalitarian/communistic government (notes Why a Cold War?)
- 17. What was the Berlin Wall?
- 18. Who was Nikita Khrushchev?
- 19. Who was Boris Yeltsin?

## Vietnam Conflict

- 1. Who controlled Vietnam prior to 1954?
- 2. Why did the US get involved in Vietnam?
- 3. Why was this considered a conflict and not a war?
- 4. What was Americanization of the conflict?
- 5. What was Vietnamization of the conflict?
- 6. What role did President Johnson play in Vietnam?
- 7. Who was William Westmoreland?
- 8. What happened at the Gulf of Tonkin?
- 9. What was the draft lottery?
- 10. Who was Ho Chi Minh?
- 11. What was the Tet Offensive?
- 12. Why was 1968 a year to remember?

- 13. What happened at My Lai?
- 14. What happened in Cambodia?
- 15. What happened at the end of the conflict?
- 16. How did this conflict affect the way people viewed the US government?

# Civil Rights/Protest

- 1. Who was Emmett Till?
- 2. Who was Rosa Parks?
- 3. Who was Martin Luther King, Jr?
- 4. Who was Stokley Carmichael?
- 5. What was the Montgomery Bus Boycotts all about?
- 6. What were the Freedom Riders trying to do?
- 7. What was the March of Washington trying to do?
- 8. What was the Civil Rights Act of 1964?
- 9. What role did JFK and Lyndon Johnson play in the movement?
- 10. Who was Malcolm X?
- 11. What was a sit-in and where did they occur?
- 12. What was the Voting Rights Act of 1968?
- 13. When and where was MLK Jr. assassinated?
- 14. What tactics were used to keep blacks from voting in the south?

### Watergate

- 1. What started the Watergate scandal?
- 2. Which government body investigated Nixon?
- 3. Who was the special prosecutor assigned to Watergate?
- 4. What year did the Watergate story begin?
- 5. Who was John Dean?
- 6. Who was Alexander Butterfield?

- 7. What did Nixon claim in order to keep the tapes?
- 8. What did he release instead?
- 9. What was wrong with the tapes when some were finally turned over?
- 10. What crime was Nixon most guilty of?
- 11. What is impeachment? Was Nixon ever impeached?
- 12. Who was Spiro Agnew and what happened to him?
- 13. What was the Saturday Night Massacre?
- 14. Who was Gerald Ford and what did he do?
- 15. What eventually happened to Nixon?

## The Last 35 Years

- 1. What happened in Niagara Falls, NY in the 1970s?
- 2. Who negotiated the release of the hostages from Iran?
- 3. What was the nickname of the missile defense system also known as SDI?
- 4. Why did the US go to Kuwait in 1991?
- 5. Which president was impeached?
- 6. What happened on 9-11-01?
- 7. Why did the US go to Iraq in 2003?

# **Presidents**

(Was in office when...)

| Franklin Roosevelt       | Harry Truman  | Dwight Eisenhower | John Kennedy |
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| Lyndon Johnson           | Richard Nixon | Gerald Ford       | Jimmy Carter |
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| Ronald Reagan | George Bush | Bill Clinton | George W. Bush -Was in office when 9-11 occurred |
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| Barack Obama  |             |              |  |