

American Studies Mock Topics Changes

<b>From the 2010-2013 School Year:</b>	<b>From the 2013-2014 School Year:</b>
<p>First Semester</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Early America (to 1730's)</li> <li>2. Imperial Tensions (1730s to 1776)</li> <li><b>3. The War for Independence (1776-1783)</b></li> <li>4. From Articles to Constitution</li> <li>5. The Founding Presidencies: Washington, Adams, and Jefferson</li> <li>6. Internal Improvements and Democracy in America (Monroe to Jackson)</li> <li>7. Sectionalism, Slavery, and the Southern Economy (to 1860)</li> <li>8. Manifest Destiny, the West, and war with Mexico (Early 1800s through 1850)</li> <li><b>9. The Civil War: From Sumter to Appomattox (1869 – 1865)</b></li> <li><b>10. Reconstruction: 1865 to 1877</b></li> </ol>	<p>First Semester</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Early America (to 1730s)</li> <li>2. Imperial Tensions (1739s-1776)</li> <li>3. Articles to Constitution (1776-1793)</li> <li>4. Founding Presidencies</li> <li>5. Internal Improvements and Democracy in America (Monroe through Jackson)</li> <li>6. Slavery, Sectionalism, and the Southern Economy (to 1860)</li> <li>7. Manifest Destiny, The West, and the War with Mexico (1800s to 1850)</li> <li>8. Civil War and Reconstruction (1860-1877)</li> </ol>
<p>Second Semester</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Industrial Growth in the Gilded Age (1880s – early 1900s)</li> <li>2. The Progressive Response (1900s – 1914)</li> <li>3. Imperialism and WWI (1880s – 1917)</li> <li>4. The 1920s</li> <li>5. The Great Depression</li> <li>6. World War II</li> <li>7. Korea and The Early Cold War</li> <li>8. 1950s and the desire for “normalcy”</li> <li>9. Vietnam</li> <li>10. Civil Rights and Counter Culture-the 1960s</li> </ol>	<p>Second Semester</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Industrial Growth in the Gilded Age (1880s-early 1900s)</li> <li>2. The Age of Roosevelt: Imperialism, Progressivism, and WWI</li> <li>3. The Roaring 20s</li> <li>4. The Great Depression</li> <li>5. War, Normalcy, and the American Economy: 1940-1960.</li> <li>6. Cold War/Hot War, American Foreign Policy from Korea through Vietnam</li> <li>7. Rights Revolutions: Blacks, Gays, Women, and Counter-Culture after WWII</li> <li>8. The Age of Limits: American economy and society in the 70s and 80s</li> <li>9. Post-Cold War America, 1989-2014</li> </ol>

Notes:

1. War only topics= magnet for jack-ass high school dudes and bad battle reenactment and video game references. Don't do it.
2. Mixing it up from year to year complicates imitation (in a good way), variety for you!
3. Structure=Interpretation: Was Vietnam essentially a Cold War event? Did the 20s cause the 30s? Was the black Civil Rights Movement just the most prominent of many rights movements catalyzed by WWII and the post WWII economy?