

Lecture Course: The American Civil War and Reconstruction in History and Memory

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Review Sheet

The following list of concepts/terms/topics will help you prepare your exams. In your oral exams you will be expected to explain a random selection of questions from this list, chosen by the examiner. In the written exams you need to answer ten questions. You should be able to demonstrate a clear and basic understanding of these topics, including chronology, factual content and broader context. For example, in explaining the term *Secession* you should at least provide the following information: *In December 1860, South Carolina declared that it was no longer part of the United States. This decision was based on the theory that the Union was a compact between the states which each state was free to cancel if its rights were violated by the other states or the federal government. The secession declaration followed the election of Republican Abraham Lincoln to the presidency which South Carolina regarded as a threat to its domestic institutions, namely slavery. Until April 1861 ten more states declared their secession. In response, Lincoln decided to restore the Union by military means, triggering the Civil War.*

The Second American Revolution	Frederick Douglass
Missouri Compromise	Andrew Johnson
John Brown's Raid	Congressional Reconstruction
Fort Sumter	Fourteenth Amendment
Battle of Gettysburg	Freedmen's Bureau
Lieber Code	Carpetbaggers
New York Draft Riots	Ku Klux Klan
United States Sanitary Commission	Redemption
Civil War Nurses	Compromise of 1876
Emancipation Proclamation	William A. Dunning