

Lecture Course: The Making of Modern America, 1861 to 1945: Summer Semester 2011

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Review Sheet

The following list of concepts/terms/topics will help you prepare your oral exams. In your exams (written or oral) you will be expected to explain a random selection of questions from this list. 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.

You are not required to provide minute details or a general theory of world history!

Emancipation Proclamation	Anti-Imperialist League
Congressional Reconstruction	Jane Addams
Plessy v. Ferguson	NAACP
The Frontier Thesis	American Expeditionary Force
Wounded Knee	Red Scare
American Federation of Labor	Prohibition
Populism	The Scopes Trial
Ellis Island	Civilian Conservation Corps
Woman's Christian Temperance Union	Lend and Lease
The Spanish-American War	Manhattan Project