

MIDTERM REVIEW SHEET

Identification Terms: I will pick five of the following ten terms for you to identify, writing one-to-two paragraphs on each. Each of the five will be worth ten points apiece. To receive full credit, an answer should articulate where and when something happened (precise dates are not necessary, although knowing the approximate year(s) would be helpful), and explain the term's connection to the bigger historical narrative of the course. Was it a part of a larger sequence of events? Does it illuminate something about American society at a particular moment?

- King Philip's War
- Bacon's Rebellion
- indentured servitude
- proprietary colony
- The French and Indian War
- The Stamp Act
- Coercive Acts
- Battle of Saratoga
- Shays's Rebellion
- Constitutional Convention of 1787

Essay Question Choices: Choose one of the following essay topics that you will write during the exam. It will be worth fifty points, so you should plan on spending at least half of the class time on it. It's hard to say how long the essay should be, but I imagine that it would take at least five or more bluebook pages to provide an adequate answer (keeping in mind that this is a pretty rough estimate, as every person writes differently).

The chief point of evaluation for this essay will be: Does the essay answer the question (including each component)? Does it construct a clearly structured argument with an introduction that articulates a response to the question, a well-organized body that argues the case and employs evidence, and a conclusion that shows reiterates how you have proven your point? Of course you will need to remember some specific evidence to use, but I don't want a "data dump" that spews forth information in disorganized way. The best essays will have a clear argument that responds to the question.

- How did Spanish and English colonization of the New World differ? How would you compare the societies that each produced? How would you compare the relationship each had with native peoples?
- How did the goals of those who settled in Massachusetts Bay differ from those of the Virginia colonists? How did these goals shape the directions that these two societies took?
- How and why did the use of African slave labor emerge in the American colonies? How did the practice of slavery in British North America differ from other places in the New World?
- What do you think were the three most important factors in triggering the American Revolution? Use specific evidence to back up your case.
- How did the Federalists win approval of the new Constitution, but then fall from power by 1800? Why was their national dominance so short lived?