**U.S. History Final Exam Study Guide**

* First Americans
	+ What do we know about the very first people in America?
		- Different theories (Massive die-out, coastal migration, land bridge)
	+ Maya, Aztec, Inca
		- What their culture was like
		- Where they lived
		- What happened to them
	+ Anasazi
		- Where they lived
	+ Mound Builders, People of the West, North, Southwest, Plains, East, and Southeast
		- Names of some tribes in the area
* Age of Exploration
	+ Reasons for exploration (god, gold, glory)
	+ Famous explorers and why they are famous
	+ Spanish conquistadors (what they did)
* Colonization
	+ The first three: Roanoke, Jamestown, Plymouth
		- Why they were settled
		- What happened to them there
		- Famous people (such as John Rolfe)
	+ Why the other colonies were founded
	+ Colonial Regions (New England, Middle, Southern Colonies)
		- How they were different from each other
* Causes of the American Revolution
	+ French and Indian War
	+ Act of Parliament (such as Stamp Act, Intolerable Acts, etc.)
	+ Protests by colonists (such as Boston Massacre, Boston Tea Party)
	+ First battles (Lexington & Concord, Battle of Bunker Hill)
* Revolutionary War
	+ Major battles – name and why they were important battles (such as Saratoga)
	+ How the colonists won against the most powerful army in the world
* Government
	+ Articles of Confederation: How they set up the government & why they didn’t work
	+ Constitution
		- Initially James Madison’s idea
		- Names of branches, heads of branches, jobs of branches
		- Checks and balances
		- Be able to match power to the correct branch
		- How the Constitution protected against tyranny
	+ Bill of Rights
		- Know the first ten amendments
* Industrial Revolution
	+ What it was
	+ Why it centered in New England, not the South
	+ Important machines (such as cotton gin, water frame, etc.)
	+ Child Labor (types of jobs kids did, how we stopped child labor – laws)
* Westward Expansion
	+ Louisiana Purchase – basic facts (see notes)
	+ Lewis and Clark – why they’re important
	+ How the U.S. got the rest of it’s land
* Causes of the Civil War
	+ What the following were and how they caused the Civil War:
		- Sectionalism
		- Slavery in the South
		- Slavery in the West (ex: Missouri Compromise, Compromise of 1850, Kansas-Nebraska Act)
		- Abolitionists (ex: Fugitive Slave Act)
		- Election of 1860
* Civil War
	+ Major Battles and why they are important (such as Fort Sumter, Gettysburg, Antietam, Vicksburg, etc.)
	+ Advantages and disadvantages of North and South
	+ Important leaders of North and South
	+ Strategies of North and South
	+ Why the North won
	+ Purpose of the Gettysburg Address and the Emancipation Proclamation
* Reconstruction
	+ What it was
	+ Why it didn’t work