**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