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**American History II North Carolina Final Exam Study Guide**

1. What was the biggest impact of the Transcontinental Railroad?
2. Why did African American Exodusters migrate west?
3. What was the Homestead Act?
4. What was the Morrill Land Grant Act?
5. What were some inventions that made farming more efficient in the mid-1800s?
6. At one place did the two railroads meet to complete the Transcontinental Railroad?
7. Why did many Mormons migrate to the western United States?
8. Define Manifest Destiny.
9. Which practice did Mexicans introduce to American settlers in the early 1800s?
10. What was the Dawes Act?
11. What was the importance of the Battle of Wounded Knee? (How was it different than the Battle of Little Bighorn?)
12. What was the main cause of American Indian wars between 1869 - 1890?
13. From what group would Populists receive most their support?
14. What is bimetallism? Why did farmers favor it and free silver?
15. What caused the end of open range ranching and the cattle ranching boom?
16. Define Social Darwinism. How was it used to justify monopolistic actions?
17. Define laissez-faire.
18. What was the purpose of the Interstate Commerce Act (1887), the Sherman Antitrust Act (1890), and the Clayton Antitrust Act (1914)?
19. Why would workers organize into labor unions?
20. What did muckrakers do?
21. Which immigrant group faced the first restrictions to the U.S. even though they were important in the building of the Transcontinental Railroad?
22. Which immigrant group was affected by the Gentlemen’s Agreement?
23. Why did Jane Addams found the Hull House?
24. How did the Bessemer process revolutionize American Industry?
25. Why did many Americans oppose trusts and monopolies during the late 19th century?
26. Why did most immigrants support political machines?
27. What is the Pendleton Civil Service Act?
28. The mass movement of African Americans leaving the South to the North is called what?
29. Why were nativists opposed to the large number of immigrants during the early 1900s?
30. What was President Theodore Roosevelt’s foreign policy towards Latin America in the 1900s?
31. With regard to the Open Door Policy, acquisition of Hawaii, and even the Spanish American War, the primary goal for the U.S. was to gain access to new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to seek out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ materials to further U.S. economic expansion.
32. Define imperialism.
33. What was the Platt Amendment?
34. How did yellow journalists create support for the Spanish-American war?
35. Which foreign policy led to the Boxer Rebellion?
36. What are the four long term causes of World War I?
37. Why was America not able to remain neutral in World War I?
38. Why did the Senate reject the Versailles Treaty after World War I?
39. What foreign policy did the U.S. go back to after World War I?
40. What new military strategies/technologies helped lead to an Allied victory during WWI?
41. What set of requirements was Germany forced to accept at the end of World War I?
42. Why did the Progressives strongly support the initiative, referendum, and recall reforms?
43. What was the major goal of the Populist movement?
44. Why did farmers favor bimetallism and free silver?
45. After World War I, why did American farmers fail to share in the general economic growth of the United States?
46. Describe the Harlem Renaissance. Include important people of the movement.
47. Prohibition was meant to legislate morality, but what did it actually do?
48. Describe the literary works of the 1920.
49. The Scopes Trial reflected the conflict between what?
50. What situation helped cause the stock market crash of 1929?
51. The enactment of New Deal programs demonstrated what belief?
52. Why did critics disagree with President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s plan to increase the number of Supreme Court justices?
53. What event marked the beginning of the Great Depression?
54. What happened as a result of the Hawley-Smoot Tariff? (Signed by President Hoover at the beginning of the depression)
55. What did Dorothea Lange photograph?
56. What was the first movie with sound?
57. What best explains the cause of World War II?
58. How did the United States practice isolationism before entering World War II?
59. What was the Lend-Lease Act? How did it conflict with the U.S. policy of neutrality?
60. What event lead to the United States entrance into World War II?
61. Why did the United States begin the Manhattan Project?
62. The D-Day invasion of June 6, 1944 was launched from what country?
63. Why did President Truman decide to drop the atomic bomb on Japan?
64. Which meeting, attended by President Truman, was intended to make decisions about Germany post-WWII?
65. What was a major cause of internment of Japanese Americans during World War II?
66. Describe the Supreme Court Case Korematsu v. United States.
67. How did World War I and World War II bring about change for minorities and women?
68. What was the main purpose of the GI Bill passed by Congress after World War II?
69. What is McCarthyism?
70. How was Cuba a point of tension during the Cold War?
71. Why was the Marshall Plan important to the stability of democracy in Western Europe after World War II?
72. What were Truman Doctrine and Eisenhower Doctrine both designed to do?
73. Explain the Julius and Ethel Rosenberg case.
74. Why did the federal government pass the National Highway Act?
75. What did Eisenhower warn against when he discussed military spending in his farewell address?
76. What was the effect on the United States when Soviet Union launched the Sputnik?
77. President Nixon is associated with recognizing what country?
78. Define détente.
79. What event represents the end of the Cold War?
80. How was nuclear energy used after World War II?
81. What did President Truman do that represented an attempt to respond to civil rights concerns?
82. What was the original purpose of affirmative action programs?
83. What method did Martin Luther King Jr. urge his follower to employ when fighting for justice?
84. Why did President Dwight D. Eisenhower send federal troops to Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957?
85. What are some examples of nonviolent attempts to oppose segregation?
86. Describe the Supreme Court case Brown v. Board of Education.
87. Which law prohibited segregation in public place and discrimination in education and employment?
88. Describe Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society program. What other Presidential program is it similar to?
89. Why did President Kennedy create the Peace Corps?
90. Why was the Feminine Mystique an influential book in the 1960s?
91. Why was the voting age lowered to 18 (by the 26th Amendment)?
92. Which meeting led to a divided Vietnam at the 17th Parallel in 1954?
93. How did the “domino theory” influence the United States roles in the Vietnam War?
94. The War Powers Act of 1973 reversed which legislative act?
95. Which event was the turning point in the Vietnam War?
96. How did television coverage of the Vietnam War affect Americans?
97. What was the purpose of the Camp David Accords negotiated during Jimmy Carter’s presidency?
98. What was the Iran-Hostage crisis?
99. Why was President Clinton the 2nd president in U.S. history to be impeached?
100. Which nation did the U.S. launch attack against for allegedly harboring terrorists?
101. Who was responsible for the September 11th attacks?
102. Why was the Department of Homeland Security created?
103. What was the Patriot Act?