

# US EOC Review Study Guide – Discussion Questions

## Civil War and Reconstruction

- 1.) What was the significance of the Kansas-Nebraska Act?
- 2.) What was the significance of Uncle Tom's Cabin?
- 3.) Who was John Brown?
- 4.) Describe the Southern Strategy to win the Civil War.
- 5.) Describe the Northern Strategy to win the Civil War.
- 6.) What happened at Appomattox court house?
- 7.) What were the different Reconstruction plans?
- 8.) How did the South react to Reconstruction?
- 9.) What were the Reconstruction Amendments and what did they do?

## Western Settlement/Industrialization

- 10.) Why did people move West?
- 11.) What was the purpose of the Homestead Act?
- 12.) Significance of the Battle of Wounded Knee?
- 13.) Significance of the Dawes Act?
- 14.) John D. Rockefeller?
- 15.) Andrew Carnegie?
- 16.) JP. Morgan?
- 17.) Cornelius Vanderbilt?
- 18.) Credit Mobilier scandal?
- 19.) How did laissez-faire beliefs protect the industrialists?
- 20.) What were the goals of the early labor unions?
- 21.) Why did businesses not like labor unions? How did they try to prevent their growth?
- 22.) What was the AFL?

## Immigration

- 23.) Where did most immigrants come from in the 1890?
- 24.) What was the difference between Ellis and Angel Island?
- 25.) What did the Chinese Exclusion Act do?

## Gilded Age and Early Reform

- 26.) What did settlement houses do?
- 27.) What was the Social Gospel movement?
- 28.) What was the purpose of the Sherman Anti-trust act?
- 29.) What problems did farmers face?
- 30.) Why did farmers and others join the populists?
- 31.) Goldbugs? Silverites?
- 32.) Cross of Gold?
- 33.) Significance of Plessey v. Ferguson?
- 34.) Ida B. Wells?
- 35.) Booker T. Washington vs W.E.B. Dubois?

## Imperialism

- 36.) What is meant by the "white man's burden"?
- 37.) What influenced Teddy Roosevelt's Big Stick diplomacy? How did he use it?
- 38.) How did yellow journalism cause the Spanish-American war?
- 39.) What is jingoism?
- 40.) Who were the rough riders?
- 41.) What did the Platt Amendment do?
- 42.) What are the arguments for Imperialism in America?
- 43.) Explain the Open door policy and the Gentleman's' agreement?
- 44.) What was the purpose of the Roosevelt corollary?
- 45.) Dollar Diplomacy?

## Progressivism

- 46.) What was progressivism?
- 47.) Who were the muckrakers?
- 48.) What was the Jungle about?
- 49.) How the other half lives?
- 50.) Who was Ida Tarbell?
- 51.) What were some reforms of the Progressive Era?
- 52.) 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> Amendments?
- 53.) Who was Eugene Debs?
- 54.) What happened at the Niagara Falls Conference?

## World War 1

- 55.)What were the causes?
- 56.)Lusitania?
- 57.)Sussex Pledge?
- 58.)Zimmerman telegram
- 59.)Tactics used?
- 60.)Espionage and Sedition Act?
- 61.)Schenk v US?
- 62.)Treaty of Versailles?
- 63.)Wilson's fourteen points?
- 64.)1919 at home?
- 65.)Red Scare occurred because \_\_\_\_\_
- 66.)Who was A. Mitchell Palmer?
- 67.)What did Coolidge promise and why?

## The 1920s/Jazz Age

- 68.)Define nativism.
- 69.)What was the significance of the Sacco & Vanzetti case?
- 70.)What was the Scopes Trial about?
- 71.)What did the Volstead Act do?
- 72.)What did the Emergency Quota Act do?
- 73.)Why did the Great Migration occur?
- 74.)What was the Harlem Renaissance?
- 75.)Who was Marcus Garvey?
- 76.)Describe the effects of mass media in the 1920s.
- 77.)What were some signs of a faltering economy in the 1920s?
- 78.)Henry Ford:
- 79.)Charles Lindbergh:
- 80.)What were some issues with Warren G. Harding's presidency?
- 81.)Why were some treaties like the Kellogg-Briand Pact hard to enforce?
- 82.)Why did America become more isolationist?

## The Great Depression & The New Deal

- 83.)What were some causes of the Great depression?
- 84.)What was a Hooverville?
- 85.)What caused the Dust Bowl?
- 86.)What was The Grapes of Wrath about?
- 87.)How did Hoover respond to the Great depression?
- 88.)Why did veterans March on Washington?
- 89.)What were four major components of the First New Deal?
- 90.)What were three major components of the 2<sup>nd</sup> New Deal?
- 91.)Why did FDR face criticism during his second term?

## World War II

- 92.)Why did so many dictators rise in power in Europe?
- 93.)What did the Nye Committee report do?
- 94.)Describe the American neutrality acts.
- 95.)What was the purpose of the Munich Conference?
- 96.)How did Americans at home help with the war effort?
- 97.)What was the Bracero Program?
- 98.)How were Japanese Americans civil liberties affected during the war?
- 99.)What was the purpose of island hopping?
- 100.) What was the purpose of the Manhattan Project?
- 101.) What was the purpose of Operation Overlord?
- 102.) Why did Truman choose to drop the atomic bomb?
- 103.) What was the purpose of the Nuremberg Trial?

## The Cold War Era

- 104.) What were parts of the containment plan in the early years of the cold war?
- 105.) What was the purpose of HUAC?
- 106.) Who were Julius and Ethel Rosenberg?
- 107.) Who was Senator Joseph McCarthy?
- 108.) What led to his downfall?
- 109.) What was brinkmanship?
- 110.) The domino theory:
- 111.) What was the significance of Sputnik?
- 112.) Describe the U2 spy plane incident.
- 113.) Describe the culture of the 1950s.
- 114.) Who were the beats?
- 115.) What was the purpose of urban renewal projects in the 50s?
- 116.) What was the termination policy?
- 117.) The significance of JFK's election?
- 118.) What was the Peace Corps?
- 119.) Significant cases of the Warren Court:
- 120.) What happened at the Bay of Pigs?
- 121.) What happened at the Cuban Missile crisis?
- 122.) What did the Warren Commission say about the death of Kennedy?

## LBJ and the Great Society/Civil Rights

- 123.) What were some successes of the Great Society?
- 124.) What was VISTA?
- 125.) Plessy v. Ferguson:
- 126.) Brown v. Board of Education:
- 127.) NAACP:
- 128.) CORE:
- 129.) SCLC:
- 130.) SNCC:
- 131.) What were the methods used by civil rights activists to fight for civil rights?

- 132.) Who was Rosa Parks?
- 133.) Why did the Montgomery Bus Boycott work?
- 134.) What did Truman do to help end segregation?
- 135.) Who were the Little Rock nine?
- 136.) How did Eisenhower show the Little Rock Nine he supported them?
- 137.) What were things Kennedy did to help push forward the Civil Rights movement?
- 138.) Who was James Meredith?
- 139.) What was the March on Washington?
- 140.) What did the Civil Rights Act of 1964 do?
- 141.) What did the Voting Rights Act of 1965 do?
- 142.) What did the Black Panthers and Malcolm X have in common?

## The Vietnam War

- 143.) What made fighting in Vietnam so difficult?
- 144.) What was the Gulf of Tonkin incident? Resolution?
- 145.) Operation Rolling Thunder?
- 146.) Tet offensive:
- 147.) What made this so a controversial war?
- 148.) Why did LBJ not run again in 1968?
- 149.) What helped Nixon to win his election bid in 1968?
- 150.) What happened at My Lai?
- 151.) What did the Pentagon Papers do?
- 152.) What did the War Powers Act attempt to rectify?

## Protest Movements

- 153.) was there so many protest movements at this time (1960-1980)?
- 154.) What was SDS?
- 155.) What was the Free speech movement?
- 156.) Describe the hippie culture?
- 157.) Who led the Feminist movement?
- 158.) What did the feminist movement accomplish?
- 159.) What did affirmative action attempt to fix?
- 160.) What was significant about the University of California v. Bakke case?
- 161.) Why did Hispanics begin to organize?
- 162.) Who was Cesar Chavez?
- 163.) What was the significance of Silent Spring?
- 164.) What happened at Love Canal?
- 165.) What is the purpose of the EPA?
- 166.) What was the effect of the Three Mile Island incident?

## Nixon, Ford, and Carter

- 167.) What was Nixon's southern strategy?
- 168.) What were Nixon's Cold War successes?
- 169.) What was the Watergate scandal?
- 170.) What was the Saturday Night Massacre?
- 171.) Why did Nixon tape the white house and why wouldn't he hand over the tapes?
- 172.) What did Nixon do to avoid impeachment?
- 173.) What is stagflation?
- 174.) Why were we in an energy crisis in the 1970s?
- 175.) What is OPEC? What caused the embargo of oil?
- 176.) Why was Ford extremely unpopular?
- 177.) What was the Helsinki Accords?
- 178.) How did Carter address the energy crisis?
- 179.) What did Carter do at the Camp David Accords?
- 180.) What happened to cause the Iranian Hostage crisis?

## Reagan and Bush Sr.

- 181.) What was Reagonomics? How did it work?
- 182.) What kinds of cuts did Reagan make to government?
- 183.) What effect did Reagan's deregulation have?
- 184.) Who is Sandra day O'Connor? What was the Iran-Contra Scandal?
- 185.) What was the purpose of SDI?
- 186.) Who were the Yuppies?
- 187.) What were the biggest social concerns of the eighties?
- 188.) What was Texas v. Johnson about?
- 189.) Why was George Bush Sr. elected?
- 190.) What did perestroika and glasnost do?
- 191.) What happened at Tiananmen square?
- 192.) Why did the First Persian Gulf War happened in 1990?

## Clinton and Bush

- 193.) What was the initial conflict Bill Clinton had with republicans?
- 194.) Clinton's Family Medical Leave Act?
- 195.) Clinton's The European Union?
- 196.) Clinton's The Brady Bill?
- 197.) Clinton's Nafta?
- 198.) Clinton's Welfare Reform Act?
- 199.) Clinton's Bosnian Crisis?
- 200.) Clinton's Dayton Accords?
- 201.) Why was the 2000 election so controversial?
- 202.) Bush v. Gore?
- 203.) No Child Left Behind?
- 204.) Why did Al Quada target the US?
- 205.) Why was 9/11 one of the worst Al Quada attacks?
- 206.) What was the US and Bush's response to 9/11?
- 207.) Why is the Patriot Act so controversial?
- 208.) What did Obama promise?