

History 2010 – American History I
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Final Examination Review Questions

- 1) It has been suggested that the Civil War extended, in fact, from 1854 to 1877. Explain why you agree or disagree.
- 2) Discuss the extent to which the North and South became distinctively different societies during the 1840s and 1850s.
- 3) In what ways was Calhoun's description of Mexico as "the forbidden fruit" which if eaten would bring "political death" vindicated by history?
- 4) Describe how the issue of western expansion aggravated the conflict between the North and South over slavery from 1846 to 1861.
- 5) Does early American history illustrate the truth or falsity of the dictum that the history of religion is one of continuous conflict between the forces of modernism and fundamentalism?
- 6) The American Revolution seems to have been the outcome of a collision between two mutually incompatible interpretations of the English constitution. Do you agree? Discuss fully.
- 7) How do you account for the intense nationalism of the Era of Good Feelings and the equally intense sectionalism of the period immediately following?
- 8) In which territory – Texas, California, or Oregon – was America's claim best? In which was it worst? Why?
- 9) What connection, if any, existed between the various antebellum reform movements (abolitionism, temperance, women's rights, prison and asylum reform, education, and utopian communities) and the Second Great Awakening? Discuss fully.