

HISTORY 165  
WAR AND DIPLOMACY IN AMERICAN HISTORY  
SAMPLE MID-TERM EXAM

*This is an actual mid-term that I have used in an earlier section of this course. While the questions on your mid-term will probably be different, they may include questions from this sample exam. The format (number and weighting of questions) of this sample exam and your actual mid-term exam will be identical.*

- Answer only the number of questions indicated. If you answer more than that, I'll grade the first answers I come to and I won't count the rest.
- Write legibly. If I can't read it, I can't grade it and you can't get credit for it. Good grammar and spelling aren't required as long as I can understand the answer.
- You're on your honor.
- I'll take up the papers at 12:05 PM sharp.

I. Answer one of the following questions. (counts 60% of total mid-term grade.)

a. Write a history of the events leading up to the War of 1812, beginning in 1803. How do these events help us understand modern-day American involvement in international affairs?

b. The first half of Walter A. McDougall's *Promised Land, Crusader State* discusses what McDougall calls the "Old Testament" of "the American Bible of foreign affairs." Explain what he means and then describe in some detail one of the four doctrine/traditions that he sets forth.

II. Identify, describe, and tell the importance of four of the following. (Each answer counts 10% of total mid-term grade.)

1. Continental powers ("tigers") and maritime powers ("sharks")
2. Edmund Burke's Speech on Conciliation with America
3. Saratoga, 1777
4. George Washington's Neutrality Proclamation of 1793
5. The Adams-Onis treaty, aka the Transcontinental Treaty
6. Jomini and Clausewitz