AMH 2020- Summer 2014
Midterm Essay Questions

Below you will find 3 essay questions. The essay questions on the test will be taken directly from these questions. Your midterm will have 1 essay on it. You will have to answer that one question- there will be no choice. Please bring a blue book (or green book) to the exam. You must put your name only on the front of the bluebook and nowhere else. You must also sign the blue book to verify that you have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this exam. The midterm is scheduled for class period, Friday, May 30th.

The entire exam will be worth 25 points. The essay will be worth 20 points. This is a significant part of your grade, so study carefully. You will also have to answers 5 of 8 IDs. Each ID will be worth 1 point. These IDs will consist of important persons, events, court cases, ideas, slogans, etc.
Use your answer to describe the importance and significance of the ID. Be specific. Place the ID in an historical context- give me some idea of the importance of the ID- for example, if the ID was Abraham Lincoln- just stating “Lincoln was an American President,” though technically correct, would not be enough to get you credit. I give partial credit for IDs.

Essays

1. “Reconstruction changed Southern society in important but limited ways.” Explain this quote in the framework of what you know about the South, paying particular attention to economic and political developments in both Reconstruction & the time period that followed it.

2. Describe the experience of immigrants as they attempted to make a life for themselves in late 19th century America. Also describe & account for the reaction of native-born white Americans to the rising tide of immigration, especially the so-called New Immigration, in this same time period.

3. Labor protest in the United States during the period 1870-1910 developed during a period of general prosperity. Reconcile this apparent paradox, remaining aware of economic, social, and political conditions during this time period.