

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Midterm Exam Study Guide**

1. What key development led to the rise of **civilizations** in the Americas?
2. What was the name of the **land bridge** between Asia and the Americas?
3. What are the required features of a *civilization*?
4. What were the reasons why **Europeans** sought a *water route* to **Asia** in the 1400s?
5. Why was Europe's age of exploration an important time?
6. What was a European *goal* during the Age of Exploration?
7. Why did so many explorers look for a **Northwest Passage**?
8. What helped spread **Renaissance** ideas in Europe?
9. How did having *colonies* benefit European countries?
10. What did these *colonies* have in common - **Jamestown** and **Plymouth**?
11. What do **Bacon's Rebellion** and **King Phillip's War** have in common?
12. Why were **joint-stock companies** a good way of financing new colonies in North America?
13. What was a significant factor in the *failure* of the colony at **Roanoke**?
14. What is **subsistence** farming?
15. For the few *enslaved Africans* who could buy their freedom, what type of **future** awaited them?
16. Which of the following was true of the **plantation** system?
17. In what way was **plantation** life similar to **Backcountry** life?
18. What was the **Great Awakening**?
19. What was the turning point of the **French and Indian War** for Britain?
20. What did *France* lose under the **Treaty of Paris**?
21. Which of the following was a response to **Pontiac's Rebellion**?
22. The **Albany Plan of Union** was ... ?
23. Why were the *British soldiers* stationed in the colonies after 1763?
24. Why did British troops *march from Boston into the countryside* in April 1775?
25. What was the reason Parliament passed the **Stamp Act**?
26. On March 5, 1770, what fight broke out between *British soldiers* and **dockworkers**?
27. *Thomas Paine* published a *pamphlet* called **Common Sense** in order to do what?
28. What important event happened because of the **Battles of Saratoga**?
29. What did the **Marquis de Lafayette** volunteer to do?
30. What American *naval officer* won the **sea battle against** the British warship *Serapis*?
31. Which treaty ended the **Revolutionary War**?
32. What *resulted* from the battles near *Saratoga*, New York?
33. What issue does the **Three-Fifths Compromise** address?
34. Which **groups** were not represented at the *Constitutional Convention*?
35. Why did the new government add the **Bill of Rights** to the Constitution?
36. What best explains why Americans *feared a strong national government*?
37. Which of the following best defines **federalism**?
38. Who created the **Articles of Confederation**?
39. What was one of the *final obstacles* in the process of ratifying the Articles?
40. Place the following events in the order in which they occurred :  
Revolutionary War ended, Articles of Confederation were written, Shay's Rebellion occurred in MA, Alexander Hamilton called for a Constitution Convention.