

Exam 1 (February 12, 2009)
Study Questions

Test Format (types of questions and estimated time need to complete each section)

- 10 matching (2 pts. – 20 pts. total) – 5 minutes
- 10 fill in the blank (2 pts. – 20 pts. total) – 10 minutes
- 6 identification (5 pts. – 30 pts. total) – 25 minutes
- 3 short essay (10 pts – 30 pts. total) – 30 minutes

Key Dates/Terms (For matching, fill in the blank, and identification questions. Explain in 1-3 sentences. Support with details from lectures and readings.)

- 1492
- 1496
- 1534
- 1588
- 1607
- 1619
- 1620
- 1676
- 1681

- Jared Diamond's geographic/environmental interpretation of world history
- Daniel Richter's "Facing East from Indian Country" thesis
- "the three sisters"

- Christopher Columbus and the flat world myth (who introduced the myth and why)
- The real debate over Columbus's "Enterprise to the Indies"
- *Christo ferens*
- Columbian Exchange
- Triangular Trade / Transatlantic Slave Trade
- Spanish Colonial System (area colonized and time established)

- Henry VIII and the English Reformation (Act of Supremacy 1534)
- John Smith / Pocahontas
- primogeniture
- Jamestown Fiasco

- Martin Luther
- Calvinists
- Puritan migration from England to America in first half of 17th century
- "running the gauntlet"

- Society of Jesus
- the three main European imperial powers in America and the region they controlled
- Huguenots / Siege (Fall) of La Rochelle
- French settlement of Quebec / relationship with Iroquois and Huron
- Father Bressani

- Mary Rowlandson
- King Philip/Metacom
- praying Indians / praying towns
- mourning wars
- Salem witch trials
- Sir William Berkeley
- Nathaniel Bacon
- Edmund Morgan's thesis on "American Slavery, American Freedom"

- George Fox
- William Penn and the Pennsylvania Quakers
- Backcountry Settlers
- Demographics of British North America in early 18th century

Short Essay (Be prepared to write 1/3 page on each. Support with details from lectures and readings. On the test, four questions will be given, and you will be allowed to choose three to answer.)

- What is Jared Diamond's "thesis" in *Guns, Germs, and Steel*? Briefly discuss the reasons Europeans gained a superior position over Amerindians?
- Briefly describe the organization of American Indian society, including how they referred to themselves and others, how they "made their living," how they divided labor, and how they were affected by trade with Europeans and use of their goods.
- Briefly discuss the most significant consequences of Columbus's voyage.
- Explain the "Jamestown fiasco." How did the English settlement of Massachusetts differ from the English settlement of Virginia?
- Briefly describe Father Bressani's captivity and explain why he was given such brutal treatment. In your opinion, based on evidence from the narrative, what was the moment when he viewed Indians more as fellow human beings than as barbarian savages?
- How did Mary Rowlandson demonstrate proper English womanhood and devout Puritan beliefs? In your opinion, based on evidence from the narrative, what was the moment when she viewed Indians more as fellow human beings than as barbarian savages?
- Why was Bacon's Rebellion a turning point in Virginia history? In answering this question, please include a discussion of William Berkeley, the Virginia elite, the freedmen, and the long term transformation that began after the Rebellion.
- What was the most distinctive feature of each of the four colonies that David Hackett Fischer describes in his essay "Divergence in Four Colonial Cultures"?