

## Guide to the Final Exam – History 102 – Fall 2009

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1. The exam will take place on Thursday, December 3, 2009, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 pm in our regular classroom. **This is 30 minutes earlier than our usual starting time.** No one will be admitted to the test after the first student has left the room.
2. Bring two blue or black pens. You must use a pen to write your essay. No pencils and no other ink colors may be used in writing your essay.
3. You do **not** need to bring any more blue books.
4. The exam will consist of 30 multiple-choice questions that cover material from class **since the midterm only**, and one essay to be chosen at random from the topics listed below. The multiple choice questions will count one point each, and the essay will count for thirty points.
5. You will take the multiple choice test using computer scan sheets. You will be provided a pencil for this section of the exam.
6. You must complete the multiple choice section before beginning the essay section.
7. One of the following essay topics will be chosen **AT RANDOM** at the beginning of the exam:
  1. Discuss and explain the transformation of governments in Western civilization from feudalism, to absolutism, to the liberalism of the French Revolution and 1848, and finally to the dictatorships of the 20<sup>th</sup> century (Fascism, Nazism, and Communism).

In your answer also be sure to answer these questions: What were the major characteristics of each system? Why did each come into power?
  2. Discuss and explain the transformation of the economics of Western civilization based upon the ideas of economic liberalism (capitalism), socialism and Marxism, and Keynesian responses to economic downturns.

In your answer also be sure to answer these questions: What were the major characteristics of each idea? Why did each become popular?
  3. Discuss and explain the origins of World War I and World War II.

In your answer also be sure to answer these questions: Who is responsible for each war? Were the wars unavoidable?