

MS 494: Directed Studies
Seminar: The History of the American Military Experience
Spring 2010

MID-TERM EXAM - STUDY GUIDE

The Mid-Term exam (150 points) will cover topics in *American Military History* v. 1. IT will include multiple-choice and other objective questions, and one or more short essays.

Part 1	Multiple-choice (30 questions @ 3 points each) These questions will be taken from the on-line quizzes	90
Part 2	List and Identify (10 questions @ 4 points each) These questions will be taken from lectures It is recommended That students download and review presentations on: Principles of War Revolutions in Military Affairs	40
Part 3	Essay (2 questions @ 10 points each) Discuss in 2+ paragraphs You will chose from 5 of the following questions.	20

1. How did our early colonial experience modify our European military inheritance?
2. Discuss the various differences between the Massachusetts Minutemen and the British troops they fired on during the battles of Lexington and Concord.
3. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of a guerrilla army such as that formed in the south by Sumter, Pickens and Marion?
4. How has the concept of the militia changed since the early days of the republic.
5. What was the “expansible army” policy proposed by Secretary of War Calhoun?
6. How would you characterize the occupation of Mexico City in 1847-8?
7. What advantages and disadvantages did each side have at the beginning of the American Civil War?
8. Did the Confederacy stand any chance of independence by the end of 1863? Explain your answer.
9. What was the role of the U.S. Army in the occupation of the Southern states after the Civil War? Why was this such an unpopular mission?
10. Was Custer an idiot? Explain your answer.