

7th Grade Midterm Study Guide

The study guide lists the unit, chapter, and *major topics in each chapter* to help you prepare. Please use your notes, textbook, handouts, websites used in class, etc. to help you review. Also remember that some parts of your test will include reading and writing skills that we practice all year and build on through the years. Review those skills as well (reading comprehension, writing with supportive details).

Unit 1

Ch.1:

- Primary source vs. secondary source

Ch. 2:

- How the first Americans came to the Americas/land-bridge
- How Native Americans adapted to their environment

Ch. 3:

- Reasons for European exploration
- Areas and main features of New Spain, English colonies
- Goals of conquistadors
- Laws of the Indies/types of settlements
- Social classes in New Spain
- Impact of European exploration on Native Americans

Ch. 4:

- Reasons for Pilgrims leaving England, reasons for settling of Mass./Maryland/Pennsylvania=religious freedom
- Problems with early settlements (Jamestown / Pilgrims)
- House of Burgesses
- Mayflower Compact

Unit 2

Ch. 5:

- Mercantilism and Navigation Acts [in your notes]
- Enlightenment thinkers (Locke, Voltaire, Montesquieu) [in your notes]
- French and Indian War, Proclamation 1763
- Albany Plan of Union
- British laws/taxes for colonies and reactions [Stamp Act, Sugar Act, Townshend Acts, Writs of Assistance, Boston Massacre, Boycott, Repeal, Tea Act, Boston Tea Party, Intolerable Acts, Continental Congress, minutemen/militia, Lexington and Concord]
- Be familiar with the order of events leading to the Amer. Revolution
- Impact of colonial boycotts

Ch. 6:

- Purpose and parts of Declaration of Independence
- Common Sense
- Olive Branch Petition
- Battle of Bunker Hill, Saratoga, Yorktown
- Strengths and weaknesses of the Patriots vs. the British
- Loyalists/Patriots

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Ch. 7:

- The Articles of Confederation
 - weaknesses/successes
- Problems facing the new nation (U.S.)
- Constitutional Convention
 - purpose/goals
 - Virginia Plan vs. New Jersey Plan
 - Great Compromise
 - Three-Fifths Compromise
 - Slave Trade Compromise
- Ratification of the Constitution
 - Federalist vs. Anti-Federalist arguments
 - Bill of Rights (Yes, you need to know them!)

Ch. 8:

- 6 principles of the Constitution
- Federalism
- Checks and balances
- The Bill of Rights