Prepare for this examination by carefully drafting an answer for each of the following essay questions. One of these will appear on the exam. But all of the other questions will also be represented on the exam through terms or short answer questions pertinent to that issue. DON'T NEGLECT ANY QUESTION!

In preparing your essays you should utilize your class notes, pertinent textbook material, and any documents that pertain to the question. Important dates and notable figures or groups for each question should be included. But an essay should not simply be a pile of facts; it should also contain generalizations and an argument (point of view). Your essay should have an introduction, a body that develops logically paragraph by paragraph, and a conclusion.

1. Contrast the colonies of Massachusetts and Virginia in the seventeenth century. Include in your answer a discussion of reasons for settlement, their respective social organizations, the degree of cooperation versus competition each exhibited, and their economy and religion. What individuals were notable in the early years of each?

2. The American colonies had by the mid-18th century attained a physical size, economic prosperity, and even cultural maturity that made them the envy of Britain. Discuss certain features of the colonies, including immigration and population growth, the evolution of slavery, religion and the Great Awakening. Also give attention to the rivalries and wars of Indian groups in the Northeast and the Southeast.

3. The American Revolution represented the culmination of a long series of events. Beginning with an explanation of America's place in the British empire, give an account of the events leading to war. Besides simply chronicling the events, you should make clear what you feel were the significant causes of the alienation and the philosophy which provided the logic for revolt.

4. The American Revolution was won by the colonists and lost by the British. Discuss both of these aspects of the war. How did the revolutionaries seek to create a unified war effort? How did the Americans justify their revolution to the world?

5. Discuss the creation and ratification of the United States Constitution. Part of your essay should include the reasons many felt a change in governmental structure was needed.
6. Discuss the presidencies of Jefferson and Madison. What did Jeffersonianism stand for? What did the Federalists stand for? What were the major goals of the Republican party in the early 1800s? What foreign challenges did they face?

B. Document Identification: Be able to identify either by author or title the various historical texts we have examined.

C. Map: You will have blank map of the colonies on which you will be asked to identify certain of the colonies, towns (Jamestown, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Charleston, Quebec), rivers (Savannah, Delaware, Hudson, Connecticut, St. Lawrence), Chesapeake Bay, Lakes Erie and Ontario, and the Appalachian Mountains.

D. Chronology

1. 1607-Jamestown settlement

2. 1619-Virginia House of Burgesses; first African-Americans in Virginia

3. 1630--Puritans establish Mass. Bay colony

4. 1675-King Philip's War

5. 1676-Bacon's Rebellion

6. 1692-Salem witchcraft trial

7. 1740s-Great Awakening

8. 1754-63- French and Indian War

9. 1765--Stamp Act

10. 1773-Boston Tea Party

11. 1774-First Continental Congress

12. 1775-battles of Lexington & Concord; Second Continental Congress

13. 1776-Common Sense published; Declaration of Independence

14. 1781-battle of Yorktown; Articles of Confederation ratified
15. 1783-Treaty of Paris

16. 1787-Northwest Ordinance; Constitutional Convention

17. 1788-ratification of Constitution

18. 1789-97-Washington presidency

19. 1800-Jeffersonian Revolution

20. 1803-Marbury v Madison decision; Louisiana Purchase

21. 1812-14-War of 1812

22. 1823-Monroe Doctrine