Final Exam Study Guide
AMH 2042: Modern American Civilization
Sections 13 & 14, 20, and 21
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The final exam will be administered at the following times. Each section will meet in its normal classroom.

Sections 13 & 14 – Wednesday, April 23, 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
Section 20 – Tuesday, April 22, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Section 21 – Thursday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The exam will consist of three brief essay questions. Four of the following five questions will appear on the exam. You will choose three to answer.

Students are expected to write a well-argued answer to each selected questions. Answers should be in paragraph form. The best responses will have a clearly-defined answer to the question that draws on specific evidence to support it. Three factors will be considered in grading each answer: demonstrated knowledge of the subject; ability to use specific evidence; clarity of the answer. Each answer will be worth a maximum of ten points; the entire exam will be graded on a thirty-point scale. The final exam is weighted as 20% of the student’s final grade.

You are to bring a blue book to class to complete the exam.

1. How did the growing popularity of jazz music reveal the social tensions of the 1920s?
2. How did the goals of the Second New Deal differ from those of the First New Deal?
3. What were the major factors underlying the origins of the Cold War?
4. What anxieties about post-World War II affluence did films like Rebel Without a Cause highlight?
5. How did the Vietnam War transform American politics and culture?