History 1 – Exam One Study Questions

Period of Inquiry: 1880 - 1919

Readings: Chafe, Ch 1 – 3 & Davidson, Ch 8 - 10

1. What is history? Who are historians, and what do they do? List and discuss the various methods employed by historians. Is it possible to know the truth in history? Explain.

2. Write a history of the period by demonstrating the interrelatedness of five historical themes. In your answer you must account for race, class, and gender in addition to your thematic choices.

3. Account for growth and expansion in our period. List and describe the costs and benefits of growth and expansion in our period. Who won and who lost? Was it a “good thing”? Explain.

4. What were the most significant events of our period? List and discuss the origins of these events and evaluate the outcomes. Finally, consider the legacies of these events.

5. Discuss the role of media in our period. What impact did media have, and to what degree? What were the costs and benefits of media in the period? Explain.