Test No. 2 ~ Study Guide ~ Early Presidents, War of 1812, + Westward Expansion

You should know the following for upcoming test:

1. What were the first Presidential Cabinet departments created, and who headed up each department? What were some of the traditions (or precedents) that George Washington started as POTUS? Where was Washington sworn into office? Which political party did he belong to? What was his annual salary for serving as President?

2. How did the presidential elections of 1796 and 1800 show flaws in the US Constitution? How did the 12th Amendment try to resolve these issues?

3. What were the first two political parties in America? How were their philosophies about government different? Who were the leaders of the two parties?

4. Compare and contrast Jefferson's vision for America with Hamilton's. (Think about the role of government)

5. Describe some of the key components of Hamilton's economic plan for America.

6. How does Alexander Hamilton die?

7. Who was the first American president to live in the White House? (The 2nd American president)

8. Which two European powers were at war during the years leading up to the War of 1812?

9. What were the Alien & Sedition Acts? What was the XYZ Affair?

10. Why was the Louisiana Purchase such a great deal for America? How did it fit with Jefferson's vision for America? Why were the French so eager to sell it to us?

11. Why was the Lewis & Clark Expedition so important to future American expansion? Who was Sacagawea?

12. What was the Embargo Act of 1807? Why did Congress repeal it two years later? Who was the American president during this time period?

13. What is the idea of “nullification”?

14. What were the main causes of the War of 1812? Who was the American president during this conflict? Did the United States really win anything? If so, what?

15. Why does the Battle of New Orleans continue even though the Treaty of Ghent was signed ending the War of 1812?

16. Who wrote the Star-Spangled Banner? When did it become our national anthem?

17. What was the "Hartford Convention"? When the war is over, how does this impact the Federalist political party?

18. 4 out of the first 5 American presidents were from which state?

19. What was the Monroe Doctrine?

20. Investments in transportation by the government led to further expansion in the west. List some of the types of transportation systems that were built.

21. What did the Indian Removal Act do? Which American president was a strong supporter of it? Which Native tribe was forced to leave their homeland (Georgia) in the event that became known as the Trail of Tears? Where were they moved to? Why were they given this land?

22. What did the US Supreme Court rule in the Cherokee case? Who was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

23. Which tribes were considered the "Five Civilized" tribes? Why were they referred to as “civilized” by the federal government?

24. Why did Andrew Jackson hate the National Bank so much?

25. How did the Whig political party come into being?

26. What was the “American System”? Which member of Congress was its biggest proponent?

27. Which state was an independent country from 1836-1845?

28. From 1846 to 1848, the US went to war with Mexico. Why? Today, many historians believe that the US-Mexican War was unjust. Why do they feel this way?

29. Who coined the term “Manifest Destiny”? What was meant by this term?

30. From 1848 to 1853, California's population exploded. Why?