PERIOD 7 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Essential Questions:**

1. What factors prompted increased American intervention overseas beginning in the 1890s?
2. What are the lasting precedents American political leaders established through key doctrines in the early twentieth century?
3. What factors brought about America’s involvement in two world wars in the twentieth century?
4. For what reasons did America hesitate to first enter the two world wars in the twentieth century?
5. What enabled American political leaders to influence global events in the early twentieth century?
6. What inhibited American political leaders’ influence over global events in the early twentieth century?
7. Was the isolationism that characterized American foreign policy before World War II a continuation or departure from earlier American foreign policy orientation?
8. How did the two World Wars contribute to a growth in federal government power, in particular the growth of presidential power?
9. What short- and long-lasting effects did the two World Wars have on the U.S. economy?
10. What transformations took place in American society as a result of the two World Wars?
11. In what ways did the two World Wars represent setbacks or steps forward for race relations in America?
12. What economic phenomena challenged America’s values regarding business and government?
13. What fueled Progressive politicians’ drive to reform the government’s role in dealing with business practices?
14. What lasting impacts on government did the politicians of the Progressive and New Deal eras have?
15. What factors led to the development of elements associated with modern American popular culture in the 1920s and 1930s?
16. What contributed to the heightened racial and ethnic tensions of the 1920s?
17. What factors contributed to the movement of black Americans from the South to northern cities in the early twentieth century?
18. What factors contributed to the movement of Americans westward to the Pacific states in the early twentieth century?
19. How did labor relations change in the Progressive Era, 1920s, and Great Depression?
20. What factors explain America’s economic prosperity in the 1920s?
21. What factors explain the Great Depression?
22. How did Americans respond to the turmoil caused by economic collapse in the late 1920s and early 1930s? How did cultural trends reflect these changes?
23. What impact did the Great Depression have on expectations regarding presidential leadership and the powers of the presidency as well as federal government?
24. How did New Deal agencies affect America’s economic life? In what way did these programs affect American culture beyond economics?
25. In what ways did Franklin Roosevelt leave a lasting legacy as president? IN what ways might his leadership have been controversial?