Note Outline on The Problem of Order and Equity in North America

1) Where did rebellions break out in Canada in 1837? What was the result?

2) How did Canada become a “Dominion”? What is a “Dominion”?

3) Why did Mexico face a rebellion in Texas in 1836?

4) Who was General Santa Anna and what role did he play in Mexico’s history? When and how did he lose Texas? What happened to Texas after its independence?

5) What was the cause of the Mexican-American War? In which years was it fought? How did it come to an end?

6) What did the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo result in? Why was this a disaster for Mexico?

7) With the resignation of Santa Anna, which group of people came to power in Mexico? Who was Benito Juarez and what was so unique about him?

8) Explain some of the measures introduced by Juarez’s “La Reforma”. Who do you think would have opposed these?

9) Why did Napoleon III decide to interfere in Mexico’s domestic affairs? What actions did he take?
10) Why was Emperor Maximilian I so unpopular? Why did the French eventually abandon him? What was the result?

11) Which unresolved problems did Mexico have after the presidency of Benito Juarez? When would these problems become most apparent?

12) Which groups in North American society suffered most from social inequities? Why?

13) Why did it take so long for slavery to be abolished in the U.S.? What have been the lingering negative effects of slavery in the U.S.?

14) Why did so Amerindians die after encountering European Americans? What actions in the US resulted in the death and displacement of so many Amerindians? How was much of this justified?

15) Why were Amerindians pushed westward? How did the Indian Removal Act affect the Cherokee and other Amerindian tribes? How many Amerindians are estimated to live in the U.S. today? Where do many of them live?

Your opinion: Was the U.S. justified in pursuing expansionism at the expense of other peoples? Did the end justify the means? Should compensation be offered to peoples whose lands were taken from them?