

Economics 113 Spring 2005

First Midterm

February 15, 2005

Parts I and II are weighted equally.

Part I—Identifications—Do 20 out of 25—one sentence answers—what has this object (or phrase) have to do with the course?:

Bering Strait Land Bridge

Thomas Malthus

Corn (Maize)

Maya

Aztec

Zheng He (Cheng Ho)

New Amsterdam

Encomienda

Beaver Trade

Navigation Acts

Boston Tea Party

Cotton Gin

Assumption of the Revolutionary War Debt

Louisiana Purchase

Mexican War

Glorious Revolution (in Britain)

Eli Whitney

Mississippi-Missouri-Ohio River System

American System of Manufactures

Crystal Palace Exhibition

Protective Tariff

Steam-Powered Riverboat

Canal Building Boom

Middle Passage

49ers

Part II—Short answers—Do 8 out of 10—one paragraph (three to five sentence) answers—answer the question(s):

Why did the European settler population in what was to become the United States grow so fast in the two centuries after 1600?

Why were there so few indigenous inhabitants to resist the occupation of the land that was to become the United States by European settlers?

Why did America--specifically New England--become the third largest center of steam- and water-powered automatic machinery before the Civil War?

Why did New Orleans become, briefly, the second-largest city in the United States?

Why did America's ocean-trading merchants find membership in the British Empire irksome?

Why did Alexander Hamilton (and others) think it important for America to have a well-functioning banking system?

Why did Alexander Hamilton (and others) believe that America's national debt could, under the right circumstances, be a national blessing?

Why did the indigenous Indian populations have such a hard time resisting the expansion of European settlement in what was to become the United States?

Why would an international trade economist like David Ricardo have thought that the United States would and should become a very large almost entirely agrarian civilization - a giant Canada?

What were the major ways and reasons that people came to British North America before 1776?