

Final Exam: Fri., Jan. 20th @ 10:30am

This exam will cover everything that we talked about in class, including notes, readings, handouts, films, tests, essays, and homework. If you are at all confused over what we have learned, the best plan is to see me before or after school.

This exam will be cumulative, so it will cover everything from this semester. There will be three sections: **matching**, **paragraph responses**, and **essays**.

Studying

The recommended way to study is to look back over readings we have covered, look over the resources on the class website for each unit, and go back over the homework and assignments you have received so far. Making flashcards and studying with someone else, either from class or at home, is highly recommended.

I am available for before and after school studying. Please schedule your time with me, though, to make sure I am available.

Specifically focus your studying on the sections that we have completed, including:

- Capital punishment
- Marijuana
- Gun control
- Abortion

With every unit, it is imperative that you know the major arguments both for and against each issue, current laws at the state and national levels, as well as around the world, and national and international trends. Please make sure you know relevant Supreme Court cases around each issue, as well.

Unit overviews for studying:

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

1. Court cases
 - a. 8th Amendment
 - i. “cruel and unusual punishment”
 - b. 14th Amendment
 - i. Due process
 - ii. Equal protection clause
 - c. *Furman v. Georgia*
 - i. “arbitrary and capricious”
 - d. *Gregg v. Georgia*
 - i. Bifurcated trial system
 - ii. Mitigating and aggravating circumstances
2. Limitations
 - a. Mental illness
 - b. Mental retardation
 - c. Juveniles
 - d. Adult rape
 - e. Child rape
3. Methods
 - a. Guillotine
 - b. Hanging
 - c. Electric chair
 - d. Gas chamber
 - e. Firing squad
 - f. Lethal injection
 - i. access to drugs
 - ii. botched executions
4. Arguments for and against
 - a. Deterrence
 - b. Retribution
 - i. “eye for an eye”
 - c. Innocence
 - i. exonerations
 - ii. wrongful convictions
 1. prosecutorial misconduct
 2. eyewitness error
 3. jailhouse testimony
 4. police misconduct
 - d. Arbitrariness and discrimination
 - i. race
 - ii. gender
 - iii. the poor
 - e. Cost
5. Around the world
 - a. methods and crimes
 - b. China
6. Current trends and issues

MARIJUANA

1. History of Marijuana
 - a. hemp
 - b. medicine
 - c. Mexican immigration
 - d. Harry J. Anslinger
 - e. *Reefer Madness*
 - f. 1937 Marijuana Tax Act
 - g. 1970 Controlled Substances Act
 - i. Schedule 1
 - h. War on Drugs
2. Marijuana's impact on the body and brain
 - a. THC
 - b. addiction/dependence
 - c. brain functions affected
 - d. impact on youth and brain development
3. Medical marijuana
 - a. Ailments and symptoms it can help with
 - i. glaucoma
 - ii. Wasting Syndrome
 - iii. epilepsy
 - b. various forms
 - i. Marinol
 - ii. Sativex
 - iii. Charlotte's Web
 1. Charlotte Figi
 2. CBD vs. THC
 - iv. CBD oil
 - c. Federal medical marijuana
 - i. Compassionate Investigational New Drug program
 - d. Vermont
 - e. dispensaries
 - f. Pros and cons
4. Decriminalization
 - a. criminal → civil punishment
 - b. Vermont
 - c. pros and cons
5. Recreational use
 - a. arguments for and against
 - b. CO and WA
 - i. laws
 - ii. taxes
 - iii. regulations
 - c. possession vs. sale
 - d. federal response
 - e. Vermont
6. Religion
 - a. Rastafarianism
8. World
 - a. Netherlands
 - b. Portugal
 - c. Canada
 - d. Uruguay

GUN CONTROL

1. History

- a. 2nd Amendment
- b. National Firearms Act of 1934
- c. Gun Control Act of 1968
- d. Firearm Owners Protection Act of 1986
- e. 1993 Brady Bill
 - i. National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)
- f. Federal Assault Weapons Ban in 1994
- g. *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008)

2. Federal regulations

- a. Businesses who sell firearms must be licensed
- b. Background checks required on all purchases from licensed dealers
 - i. Gun show loophole
- c. Age restrictions
- d. Restrictions for mentally ill
- e. Restrictions for felons

3. State regulations

- a. License/permit required to purchase
- b. Waiting periods
- c. Universal background checks
- d. Concealed carry laws
- e. Open carry laws
- f. VT compared to CA

4. Gun ownership in US

- a. More guns than people
- b. Gun stores (ex. Walmart)
- c. NRA

5. Reasons people give for owning guns

6. Pros and cons of gun laws

7. Gun violence in US

- a. Predominantly from handguns
- b. Suicide vs. homicide
- c. Mass shootings
 - i. Columbine High School
 - ii. Sandy Hook Elementary School

8. The world

- a. US vs. the world
 - i. Gun ownership
 - ii. Gun laws
 - iii. Gun violence
- b. Australia
 - i. Port Arthur Massacre
 - ii. National Firearms Agreement in 1996
- c. Britain
 - i. Dunblane school shooting
- d. Japan

ABORTION

1. When does life begin
 - a. Conception
 - b. implantation
 - c. quickening
 - d. viability
2. Pre-*Roe* America
 - a. back-alley abortions
 - b. Sherri Finkbine
 - c. Access to contraception
 - i. *Griswold v. Connecticut*
3. *Roe v. Wade*
 - a. Norma McCorvey
 - b. Trimester system
 - c. 9th Amendment and privacy
4. Abortion procedures
 - a. Emergency contraception
 - i. Morning-after pill (Plan B)
 - ii. IUD
 - b. Medication abortion
 - i. RU-486 (aka. abortion bill)
 - c. Surgical abortion
 - i. Vacuum Aspiration
 - ii. Dilation & Curettage (D&C)
 - iii. Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)
 - iv. Late-term abortion
5. Reasons given for abortion
6. Post-*Roe* America
 - a. Restrictions
 - i. *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*
 1. “undue burden”
 - ii. Hyde Amendment
 - iii. Parental consent/ notification
 - iv. Mandatory waiting periods
 - v. Informed consent
 - vi. Clinic facility requirements (TRAP laws)
 - b. Violence
 - i. Dr. George Tiller
7. Pro-life arguments
8. Pro-choice arguments
9. The world
 - a. Europe
 - i. Ireland
 - b. Latin America
 - i. Nicaragua
 - ii. El Salvador
 - c. Asia
 - i. Selective abortion
 - ii. Forced abortion
 1. China’s one-child policy