Unit 4 Essential Terms and Questions

Essential Terms

Out of the terms below, identify and explain their significance in American History. Honors will need to complete 20, and Academic needs to complete 15. Be deliberate in your choice of the terms, there will be some that you feel you do not need to review before the assessment. Remember, if a term is more general in nature, be sure to explain it as it pertains to American History.

For identification, answer the questions "**who was involved, what happened, what other essential term is it related to and why, where did it take place, etc.**". For significance, ask yourself "**why is this important for the course, what is the outcome, what does it lead to, etc.**" - choose terms that you truly need to review again, not ones you already know. Please underline the significance portion for each term so it is clear to your teacher what you believe the importance to be of that term.

Compromise of 1850

Free-Soil Party

Kansas-Nebraska Act

Lincoln-Douglas Debates

Stephen A. Douglas

*Dred Scott Decision*

Fugitive Slave Act

Bleeding Kansas

Harpers Ferry

*Uncle Tom’s Cabin*

Personal Liberty Laws

Election of 1860

“Civil War Amendments”

Confederate Home Guard

Emancipation Proclamation

54th Massachusetts

Gettysburg Address

“Copperheads” AKA Peace Democrats

Anaconda Plan

Radical Republicans

Scalawags

Redeemers

Freedmen’s Bureau

*De jure* segregation

*De facto* segregation

Sharecropping & tenant farming

Military Reconstruction Act of 1867

Force Acts of 1870

Election of 1876

Compromise of 1877

Literacy tests

Poll tax

Grandfather clause

Essential Questions

Answer the following questions in 3-5 complete sentences. Any plagiarized material will not be accepted. Academic students may pick any 3 to answer; Honors students must answer all questions. Try to use as many of the content vocabulary words in your answer as possible.

1. Identify and explain the causes of the Civil War throughout the 1850s. Argue which individuals were most responsible for the U.S. to enter into war.
2. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of Union versus the Confederacy. What strategies did both sides use to try to defeat the other throughout the war?
3. Explain the ways Lincoln was willing to sacrifice Constitutional liberties of Peace Democrats to “preserve the union”?
4. Explain how the South was impacted (socially, politically, and economically) in the years following the Civil War.
5. Compare and contrast the “Executive Reconstruction” plans of Lincoln and Johnson to the Radical Republicans “Congressional Reconstruction” plan.

**Must be handwritten and terms must be numbered.**