

## **Study Strategies for Hewitt/Lawson, *Exploring American Histories***

Make sure you can identify all the terms on the study guide AND explain significance / importance, with relevant dates

Try outlining the essays ahead of time using the study guide's questions and formulating a clear & evidence-based thesis statement for each one (not an opinion "I believe..."). What argument would you make? What evidence would you use?

Review the beginning and end of each chapter

As you re-read chapters, turn all turquoise section header boxes into questions (not all just "what was...?") – a list is on the back of this sheet

Use the "Review and Relate" questions to test your recall of each chapter section, and the "Put it in Context" questions in each document project section to test for understanding of historical context

Notice tables, maps, illustrations, and charts

Make your own timeline of events (for example: on paper, on stickie notes on your wall, by paperclipping events to a string on the wall, in a word doc or spreadsheet...) using the ones provided at the end of each chapter, plus any that occur to you as you read the chapter. Notice how events overlapped, connected, and led to each other in cause/effect relationships.

Write 1-sentence synopsis for each document & think about how you would use it as essay/short answer evidence. Try this template:

Because of \_\_\_[document name or author]\_\_\_, we can conclude  
\_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ .

### **Some exam test-taking advice:**

Don't use "we" to refer to historical people ("We went to war with Spain in 1898...")

Use *specific* evidence to strengthen your answers

If the exam asks you to write a paragraph, don't write everything you can think of – just write a paragraph (3-6 sentences).

If the exam asks you to write an essay, organize it ahead of time by jotting down some ideas and give some thought to the essay's structure; make sure it has a clear thesis/introduction and conclusion surrounding your discussion of evidence.

## **Chapter 19: Progressivism and the Search for Order 1900-1917**

The Roots of Progressivism

Humanitarian Reform

Morality and Social Control

Good Government Progressivism

Presidential Progressivism

The Progressive Legacy

## **Chapter 20: Empire and Wars 1898-1918**

The Awakening of Imperialism

The War with Spain

Extending US Imperialism 1899-1913

Wilson and American Foreign Policy 1912-1917

Fighting the War at Home

An American Empire

## **Chapter 21: An Anxious Affluence 1919-1929**

Postwar Turmoil

People of Plenty

Challenges to Social Conventions

Culture Wars

Politics and Fading of Prosperity

The Roaring Twenties

## **Chapter 22: Depression, Dissent and New Deal 1929-1940**

The Great Depression

The New Deal

The New Deal Moves to the Left

New Deal Liberalism

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