**US History Benchmark Review: SSUSH 1-5**

1. Why was Rhode Island established?
2. How did the colonies benefit the economy of Great Britain? Explain and provide 2 examples.
3. What was the major result of King Phillip’s War on the Native Americans in New England?
4. Who first owned New York (when it was called New Amsterdam)? Who took it over?
5. What is the Middle Passage and how did it affect the development of the colonies?
6. How did the Great Awakening lead to the American Revolution?
7. What does this quote mean “The Revolution was affected before the War commenced. The Revolution was in the middle of the hearts of the people; a change in their religious sentiments of their duties and obligations…”?
8. Explain the Proclamation of 1763 and why it upset the colonists.
9. Why did England tax the colonies after the French and Indian War?
10. How did colonists react to the taxes by the British?
11. What is the social contract theory? What did Locke say that countries could do when the government no longer protected their natural rights?
12. Explain the Stamp Act.
13. Explain Benjamin Franklin’s role in the American Revolution, specifically talk about how he was a diplomat.
14. How did geography affect the Battle of Yorktown? Why is this a significant battle in the American Revolution?
15. Why did Shay’s Rebellion occur? 2 reasons. What was the result of Shay’s Rebellion on the Articles of Confederation?
16. What are three weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?
17. What are the differences (at least 3) between the Federalists and Anti-Federalists?
18. What is *The Federalist* and why was it published?
19. What idea about government did Montesquieu contribute to the United States?
20. What did the Whiskey Rebellion prove about the new government under Washington?
21. Why did the Federalist and Democratic-Republican parties form? (Explain the role of Hamilton and Jefferson).
22. Why did Hamilton and Jefferson disagree?
23. What did Washington warn against in his farewell address?
24. How did the French and Indian War lead to the American Revolution? Explain using at least two examples.