

First Trimester Memorization 2019 - 2020

You will be required to memorize the following passages and dates. You will have as many opportunities to memorize and recite the passages as you need. We will work on this in class. It is your responsibility to practice and recite by the due date. For every day you are late, your grade will drop one grade per day until you reach a 60%. From then on, the highest score you can earn will be a 60%. If you do not finish by the end of the grading period you will then receive a 0 for each unfinished component. (Usually 90 % of students earn the maximum number of points awarded). **Due Date: November 15, 2019**

I. U.S. Constitution 27 Amendments – see attached (27 points) Must be recited in groups of Amendments: 1-10, 11-20, 21-27. Must be completed by September 20th!

II. Preamble to the United States Constitution (September 19, 1787) (10 points)

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

III. Patrick Henry- “Give me Liberty or Give Me Death!” (March 23, 1775) (15 points)

Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace-- but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!

IV. Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1776) (10 points)

We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

V. Declaration of Independence (Adopted by Congress on July 4, 1776) (10 points) The Unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

VI. Thomas Paine -American Crisis (Dec. 23rd, 1776) (20 points)

-THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated. Britain, with an army to enforce her tyranny, has declared that she has a right (not only to TAX) but "to BIND us in ALL CASES WHATSOEVER," and if being bound in that manner, is not slavery, then is there not such a thing as slavery upon earth.

VII. American's Creed by William Tyler Page – (Written 1917, accepted by the United States House of Representatives on April 3, 1918.) (15 points)

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

VIII. Ben Franklin Quotes (You may do these one by one until they are all checked off) (8 points total)

1. Not be forgotten

If you would not be forgotten
As soon as you are dead and rotten,
Either write things worth reading,
Or do things worth the writing

2. Dogs and fleas

He that lieth down with Dogs, shall rise up with Fleas

3. Liberty-They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. (*Franklin's Contributions to the Conference on February 17, 1775*)

4. Hang Together- We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately. (*At the signing of the Declaration of Independence*)

5. New Constitution- Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in the world nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes. (*Letter to Jean-Baptiste Leroy [Nov. 13, 1789]*)

6. It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it (Poor Richard's Almanac)

7. The U. S. Constitution doesn't guarantee happiness, only the pursuit of it. You have to catch up with it yourself.

8. Where liberty is, there is my country.

Memorization is an assessment grade in History. Due Date: November 15, 2019

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