Midterm January 2017

**Guidelines:**

* Study the two prompts provided.
* Only ONE will be given as your midterm essay.
* You may bring notes or an outline but not a written essay to help you on the day of the essay. (NO Phones Sorry)
* Your essay must be finished within the 55 minutes.

You may want to follow the following procedures for planning your essay:

1. What historical thinking skill is it asking you to apply? (CCOT, Comparison, Causation, Periodization)
2. Circle Key Words
3. Box Out Time Period
4. Organize your evidence-Brain Dump! What do you know that directly fits to the demands of the prompt?
5. How can you group your evidence? 2-3 supporting paragraphs with a minimum of 2 pieces of evidence.
6. Write your thesis- After thinking about your evidence you may want to begin your thesis with making a claim (general argument) as to **how** the 2nd Great Awakening influenced two of the reform movements above.
7. State the time period in your thesis- What time period is this?
	1. Include your major ideas you will be discussing in order to make your claim. (These will be backed up by your detailed evidence in the body paragraph.)

**Prompts**

**(Yes you will probably find old essays written about either- be wary and study carefully.)**

**(A)The Jacksonian Period (1824-1848) has been celebrated as the era of the “common man.” To what extent did the period live up to its characterization? Consider TWO of the following in your response: Economic Development, Politics, Reform Movements.**

**(B)From 1775 to 1830, many African Americans gained freedom from slavery, yet during the same period the institution of slavery expanded. Explain why BOTH of those changes took place. Analyze the ways that BOTH free African Americans and enslaved African Americans responded to the challenges confronting them.**