**Final Exam Questions**

1. How did abolitionists fight for the immediate end of slavery during the first half of the nineteenth century? What tactics did they use and what arguments did they make and why? Ultimately, how would you characterize the impact and influence of abolitionism and why? (1)
2. How did the spread of the cotton kingdom during the first half of the nineteenth century affect the lives of African-Americans? Also, how did the spread of the cotton kingdom transform the American economy and national politics? (1)
3. What do you think were the three most important events that deepened the sectional crisis between North and South during the nineteenth century and why? To what extent did debates over slavery play a role in these events and why? (1)
4. How did African-Americans help transform the meaning of the Civil War and why? Pick three examples and explain why they were so important in defining the meaning of the war. (1)
5. Imagine you are a former slave living in the South just after Reconstruction. What did Reconstruction mean to you? What were the main struggles and obstacles you faced in becoming a free citizen of the United States? What role did the federal government play in your life and in helping you secure basic rights? Overall, how would you characterize Reconstruction? Was it ultimately successful or unsuccessful and why? (1)