**Midterm Exam Questions**

1. What were the most important aspects of West African civilization and heritage that contributed to the creation of an African American culture? Provide and explain three examples in your essay. (1)
2. How and why did the development of racial slavery differ in the North American colonies? What were the key distinguishing features of different slave societies that developed before the American Revolution and what accounts for those differences? (1)
3. What do you think were the three most important ways African Americans fought for their freedom during the American Revolution? Why do you think your three examples are so important? (1)
4. Why did the American Revolution, with its ideals based on natural rights, freedom, and liberty, nevertheless not bring about the abolition of slavery? How do you explain why some of the most eloquent spokesmen of the Revolution were themselves slaveholders? (1)
5. What roles did music play in the lives and culture of African Americans during the eighteenth and nineteenth century? What made music such an important form of cultural and social expression? (1)