Final Examination

Legacies of the 1960s

Instructions: Please answer **three** of the following:

1. Discuss the ways in which President Johnson’s deceptions about the Vietnam War and President Nixon’s lies about Watergate led to distrust of the presidency and of the American political system more generally.

2. Discuss the various parallels among the “radical” stages of the civil rights movement, the women’s movement, the gay rights movement, and other, similar movements during the late 1960s and early 1970s.

3. In what ways did the excesses of the counterculture and the anti-war movement serve to strengthen a new conservative movement in American life and politics?

4. In what ways have changes in attitudes toward marriage, family, and sexuality perhaps been the most profound and longest lasting of the legacies of the 1960s?

5. In what ways did the women’s movement charge (and not change) the lives of women in American society?

6. In what ways did the civil rights movement change (or not change) the lives of African Americans?

7. Do you agree that what happened in the sixties represents another Civil War? Why or why not?

8. What did you learn about the sixties that surprised you?