

Contemporary American Society

Midterm Review Sheet

- **Ethnic persecution**—Violation of a person's human rights based on ethnicity.
- **Genocide**—Violently killing many people from a group with the aim of destroying them.
- **Ku Klux Klan (KKK)**—American white terrorist and hate group whose members believe that they are superior and should control society.
- **Ethnic cleansing**—Attempt to eliminate members of an unwanted ethnic group within an area.
- **Persecution**—Mistreatment of an individual or group due to their race, religious beliefs or ethnicity.
- **Muslims**—Religious group persecuted after the attacks of September 11, 2001.
- **Indirect discrimination**—Treating a person or group unfairly due to a reason that is *not* obvious.
- **Pilgrims**—Persecuted group in England that persecuted Native Americans when they came to America.
- **Chinese Exclusion Act**—1882 law that stopped the immigration of Chinese people to the U.S. for 10 years.
- **Internment camps**—Prison camps created by the U.S. government where Japanese immigrants were forced to live, after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.
- **Sociology**—Study of social relationships between people and groups, as well as the causes and consequences of their actions.
- **Prejudice**—Negative opinion of someone based on their membership in a particular group.
- **Harassment**—Unwanted behavior by a person with more power toward a person with less power.
- **Racism**—Prejudice or discrimination toward a person or group based on the color of their skin.
- **Antisemitism**—Prejudice against Jewish people.
- **Mormons**—Religious group that settled in Utah in the 1840s, and was persecuted for being against slavery and believing in polygamy.
- **Segregation**—Separation of groups of people with different characteristics who are usually treated unequally.
- **Trail of Tears**--Forced relocation of approximately 60,000 Native Americans in the 1830s.
- **Diversity**--Differences in social categories, race, religion and ethnicity.
- **Culture**—Values, beliefs, languages and customs that people share.