Study Guide 3

You are responsible for all lecture material since the last exam and the following readings: Johnson: Prologue, Chapters 1 thru 3 and 10 andBacevich: Introduction, Chapters 1,3,4,5. There will also be questions on the exam from the documentary Why We Fight.

1. American Empire: Chalmers Johnson

a. Empire: definition, goals, structure, ideology, levels of domination.

b. Military-Industrial-Intelligence Complex: components, interrelationships.

Terms: militarism, force projection, full spectrum dominance, militarists, American Exceptionalism, Manifest Destiny, Nuremberg Tribunals, UN Charter and War, Geneva Conventions, Grand Strategy, containment, Bush Doctrine/National Security Strategy of 2002, Doctrine of Preventive War, Nuclear Posture Review, Nuclear Employment Strategy, JSOC.

2. American Empire: Vietnam

a. Costs of war: human, environmental, political, cultural, moral.

b. Vietnam: “the story” vs the Pentagon Papers (real reasons and goals)

c. American War: pacification, “hearts and minds,” Vietnamization.

Terms: body count, French-Indochina War, zippo jobs, strategic hamlets, napalm, agent orange, search and destroy missions, free fire zones, My Lai, Operation Speedy Express, saturation bombing, Daniel Ellsberg, Pentagon Papers, Atlantic Charter, Geneva Peace Accords, Viet Cong, Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.

3. Sorrows of Empire

a. Roman Empire and U.S. Empire

b. Four Sorrows: perpetual war and normalization, loss of democracy, lying world, and financial ruin.

Terms: ISIS, Al Qaeda, Libya, Iraq, Syria, proliferation, asymmetrical warfare, permanent war economy, moral indifference, social pathology of everyday life in the U.S., ideological power, myth of American Exceptionalism, imperial presidency, sovereign immunity, National Defense Authorization Act 2012, kill list, AUMF, Great Writ, FISA Court, special forces.

4. New American Militarism: Reading Guide to Bacevich

a. What are the characteristics of the “new American Militarism”? What are the ways that they have become part of American society?

b. What groups have had significant impact shaping the new American militarism? What were the main "contributions" of each group to the "new American militarism"?

c. According to Bacevich, what will be the consequences of the new American militarism?