Study Guide 3

You are responsible for all lectures, in-class videos and reading assignments (see Syllabus) since the last exam.

1. American Empire

a. Empire: definition, goals, characteristics, 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. Theory of Collective Power (If We Get to It!)

a. Collective power: definition, means, threat, examples.

b. Collective action/social movements: characteristics, examples, strategies, tactics, successes.

c. Social conditions that give rise to collective action/social movements.

Terms: disenfranchisement, de jure segregation, social role, grassroots, reformism, solidarity, passivity, acquiescence, wars of national liberation