

Final Exam

READ ME:

This is an open note, open book writing assignment. Your response should be single-spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, 1 inch margins. Save the file as a Microsoft Word document with your last name listed first in the file name. Feel free to use simple in-text citations with shorthand (Author Year) when referring to assigned readings; footnotes work fine too. Do not collaborate with others in any way. Send your response to me by **5 pm** today.

THE PROMPT:

A recurring theme this readings has been the specter of the garrison state. Has the process of becoming a global power inevitably transform the United States into an illiberal and ponderous central government? Write a response analyzing the tension between America's rise (its expansion westward; its wars at home and abroad; its turn to global hegemony after WWII) and its domestic political principles. In analyzing the eight topics through this lens, you might consider addressing some or all of the following: the meaning of "garrison state"; the different ways this tension was manifested; effective and ineffective solutions to avoid the garrison state. Conclude by assessing whether the fear of the garrison state has resulted in a uniquely American approach to being a global power, and if so, how.