HTY 110HA Module 7 Study Questions

Use the following study questions to guide your reading:

From *Immigrant Struggles, Immigrant Gifts*

- Refugees (begins on p. 159)
  - What role did stereotypes and prejudice play in the fate of the Acadians, the Jews, and the Haitians who sought asylum at various times throughout history?
  - What was the role of the Cold War in U.S. policy toward refugees?
  - What four factors influenced the ability of refugees to succeed?
  - What were the problems with the Refugee Act of 1980?
  - What factors affected how more recent immigrants have fared after 1980?
  - What additional challenges do refugees face when compared with typical immigrants?
  - What role have race and nationality played in the adjustment process for refugees?
  - What are the two largest refugee groups in America?
  - What has been the settlement pattern of Cubans?
  - What contributed to Cuban-American success?
  - What were the differences between the first and second waves of Cuban and Vietnamese refugees?
  - From which countries has the U.S. accepted refugees since 1980?
  - What factors contributed to Vietnamese success?
  - What unique challenges have Cambodian refugees faced?
  - What unique challenges have Hmong refugees faced?
  - How has the Sudanese refugee experience differed from the experiences of other groups?
  - What benefits do refugees provide for America?
  - What effect did 9/11 have on America’s admission of refugees?
  - What is one of the ongoing debates between conservatives and liberals concerning refugees?
  - What assistance is necessary for refugees?

- Black West Indians (begins on p. 177)
  - What role does race play in the lives of foreign-born blacks in the U.S.?
  - When did West Indians begin to arrive in the U.S. in large numbers?
  - What was the settlement pattern of West Indians?
  - What were the push and pull factors for West Indian immigrants?
  - In which occupations were they concentrated in the early 20th century?
  - Who was Marcus Garvey and why was he significant?
  - When was the second wave of West Indian Immigration and what were its characteristics?
  - What adjustments to race and racism would West Indian immigrants need to learn to navigate?
  - Which West Indian islands of origin are mentioned in this chapter?
  - When did the third wave of West Indian immigration begin, why did it occur, and what are its characteristics?
  - What was the population of foreign-born blacks in 2005, and from where did the largest groups come?
  - What economic and political factors have continued to fuel West Indian immigration?
  - Describe the diverse sectors of society from which West Indian immigrants came.
  - What has changed since West Indians first began arriving in the early 1900s?
  - Why had hardly any of the early cohort of West Indian immigrants gone to Florida or other parts of the South?
  - Today, what determines where West Indians live, and where do West Indian enclaves tend to be?
  - How do the conception and reality of race differ in West Indian societies and the U.S.?
  - Describe the relationship between West Indians and African Americans.
What role does reactive ethnicity play in West Indians' supposed conception of African Americans?
What error of comparison has distorted notions of West Indian achievement and success?
Why have West Indians fared better than African Americans?
In what occupations are West Indians concentrated?
What issues will shape the second generation's prospects?

From Immigration: Cuban and Puerto Rican

- In which ways were Cuba and Puerto Rico similar, and in which ways were they different?
- When did the people of Puerto Rico become U.S. citizens?
- What advantages do Puerto Ricans enjoy as U.S. citizens?
- What right of citizenships do Puerto Ricans not enjoy?
- If Puerto Ricans are citizens, why are they included in conversations about immigrants?
- When and why did Puerto Rican migration explode?
- What role did air travel play in Puerto Rican migration?
- What were the settlement patterns of Puerto Rican migrants?
- In which occupations were Puerto Rican migrants concentrated?
- What role did race and language play in the Puerto Rican migrant experience?
- Where is the fastest growing Puerto Rican enclave in the U.S.?
- What were the characteristics of 19th century Cuban immigration?
- Why did the number of Cuban refugees swell in the 1950s?
- When did Fidel Castro come to power?
- Why did the U.S. and Cuba become open enemies?
- What were the characteristics of the first Cuban immigrants to flee Cuba?
- What role did the Cold War play in Cuban immigration?
- What reception did the first two waves of Cuban immigrants receive from the U.S.?
- What special and unique privilege did the first two waves of Cuban immigrants receive from the U.S. government?
- How did the 1980 Mariel Cubans' reception to the U.S. differ from the 1960s first two waves of Cuban immigration?
- In which ways were the Marielitos different from the Golden Exiles and the Varaderos?