
HISTORY (PRINCIPAL)

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Paper 3 United States History Outlines, c.1750–c.2005

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2 hours 15 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the booklet.

Write your centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **three** questions, which must be chosen from **at least two** sections of the paper.

You are reminded of the need for analysis and critical evaluation in your answers to questions. You should also show, where appropriate, an awareness of links and comparisons between different countries and different periods.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper are worth 30 marks.



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Section 1: c.1750–c.1820

- 1 How radical were the views expressed in the American Enlightenment during the years c.1750–c.1820? [30]
- 2 What best explains why the Thirteen Colonies declared their independence from Britain in 1776? [30]
- 3 What best explains the rivalry between the Federalists and the Republicans in the period 1792 to c.1820? [30]
- 4 Did President Monroe achieve more in domestic or in foreign affairs? [30]
- 5 Assess the importance of slavery to the South in this period. [30]

Section 2: c.1820–1865

- 6 'Efforts to restrict slavery were increasingly successful in the period c.1820–1859.' Were they? [30]
- 7 Assess the impact of Andrew Jackson on US politics and government. [30]
- 8 To what extent, in the period 1859–1861, were the Southern states responsible for the coming of civil war? [30]
- 9 'The most important outcome of the Civil War was the survival of the Union.' Discuss. [30]
- 10 'The strength of Lincoln as a wartime president has been much exaggerated.' Has it? [30]

Section 3: Themes c.1750–c.1900

- 11 'Rapid population growth was the main reason for westward expansion in the period c.1750 to c.1900.' Discuss. [30]
- 12 'Increased racial tension was the most important effect of immigration on US society in the years c.1840–c.1920.' Was it? [30]
- 13 How significant were tariffs to the growth of industry in the period 1865 to 1914? [30]
- 14 How effective was the education offered in the USA in meeting the needs of a changing society in the nineteenth century? [30]
- 15 Assess the value, as historical evidence, of the work of any **one** US novelist writing in the nineteenth century. [30]
- 16 How far, if at all, did American family life and values change in the nineteenth century? [30]

Section 4: 1865–1914

- 17 'White supremacy in the South was more secure by 1877 than it had been in 1865.' Discuss. [30]
- 18 'Employers, not workers, were responsible for the industrial unrest in the United States between c.1880–1914.' Were they? [30]
- 19 'The Populist movement lacked popularity.' Discuss. [30]
- 20 How important was Latin America in US foreign policy in the period from c.1880 to c.1914? [30]
- 21 How successful were the domestic policies of President Theodore Roosevelt? [30]

Section 5: 1914–1953

- 22 How successful was the foreign policy of Woodrow Wilson in the years 1917 to 1920? [30]
- 23 What best explains the US economic boom of the 1920s? [30]
- 24 To what extent did the Second New Deal (1935–1937) differ from the First New Deal (1933–1935)? [30]
- 25 ‘Of all its armed forces on land, sea and air, the navy made the greatest contribution to the efforts of the US military to defeat the Axis powers in the Second World War.’ Did it? [30]
- 26 ‘The Korean War, 1950–1953, was the most challenging foreign policy problem faced by Harry S Truman as president of the USA.’ Discuss. [30]
- 27 What best explains the widespread fear of communism in the USA in the period from 1945 to 1953? [30]

Section 6: 1953–2012

- 28 To what extent did Eisenhower achieve his objectives as president? [30]
- 29 What best explains the opposition to Johnson’s Great Society? [30]
- 30 ‘US foreign policy in the period from 1969 to 1981 was characterised primarily by self-interest.’ Discuss. [30]
- 31 ‘A lack of political will on the part of the United States is the most persuasive explanation for its failure in Vietnam.’ Assess this view. [30]
- 32 Assess the strengths and weaknesses of George H. W. Bush as president, 1989 to 1993. [30]
- 33 ‘US interests abroad were not defended adequately during the first term of Obama’s presidency (2009–2013).’ How valid is this judgement? [30]

Section 7: Themes c.1900–2000

- 34 'The rights of women in the USA had changed little between c.1880 and c.1945.' Had they? [30]
- 35 How effectively did the USA respond to economic challenges in the period 1941 to c.1980? [30]
- 36 'The notion of an "imperial presidency" is a myth.' Assess this judgement. [30]
- 37 How useful are the paintings of US artists of the twentieth century as evidence of life in the USA? [30]
- 38 What best explains the widespread opposition to gun control in the late twentieth century? [30]
- 39 'US society was more divided in 2000 than it had been in 1945.' Was it? [30]

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