
A-level HISTORY

The American Dream: Reality and Illusion, 1945–1980

Paper 2Q

Specimen 2014

Morning Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **2Q**.
- Answer **three** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
 - 60 minutes on Question 01
 - 45 minutes on each of the two questions in Section B.
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Section A

Answer Question 01.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying the escalation of the US war effort in Vietnam in the years 1964 to 1968.

[30 marks]

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

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'It was a time of abundant prosperity and unquestioning national self-confidence.'

Assess the validity of this view of the United States in the years 1945 to 1960.

[25 marks]

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'In the years 1961 to 1968, the campaigns to advance the civil rights of African-Americans made only limited progress in the face of bitter opposition.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

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'Richard Nixon proved himself to be a master of statesmanship in foreign affairs.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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