

General Certificate of Secondary Education
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HISTORY (SPECIFICATION A)
HISTORY (SPECIFICATION A) (SHORT COURSE)
Schools History Project
Paper 2 Option A
The American West, 1840–1895

3041/6/2A

Thursday 14 June 2007 9.00 am to 10.45 am

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book
- a Sources Booklet (enclosed).

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is 3041/6/2A.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 from **Section A** and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3 from **Section B**.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 75.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The sources for use in answering Question 1 are printed in the separate Sources Booklet.
- The sources in this question paper have been simplified to make them easier to understand.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 65 minutes on Section A and 40 minutes on Section B.

SECTION A

You **must** answer Question 1.

You are advised to spend about 65 minutes on this section.

Total for this question: 45 marks

The Struggle for the Plains

- 1** Study **Sources A to D** in the Sources Booklet and then answer **all** parts of Question 1 which follow. In your answers you should refer to the sources by their letters.
- (a) Read **Source A**.
What does **Source A** suggest about white attitudes to the Indians and the Plains? *(4 marks)*
- (b) Read **Sources A and B**.
What different white attitudes to the Indians and the Plains are suggested by **Source B**?
Refer to **both** sources in your answer. *(6 marks)*
- (c) Why do you think **Sources A and B** give different views?
Explain your answer using **Sources A and B and your own knowledge**. *(7 marks)*
- (d) Study **Source C**.
How useful is **Source C** for understanding why white people moved onto the Plains?
Explain your answer using **Source C and your own knowledge**. *(8 marks)*
- (e) Read **Source D**.
Source D is an interpretation of the influence of women in the West.
Do you agree or disagree with this interpretation?
Explain your answer using **Source D and your own knowledge**. *(8 marks)*
- (f) Why did the Indians lose control of the Plains to white people?
Explain your answer using **the sources and your own knowledge**. *(12 marks)*

SECTION B

Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

You are advised to spend about 40 minutes on this section.

EITHER

Total for this question: 30 marks

Cattle on the Great Plains

2 (a) What was the open range? (6 marks)

(b) **Source E** A cowboy recalls life on the cattle trails

It was the duty of cowboys to ride from twelve to twenty four hours every day with rarely a day of rest. They had to guard the cattle at all hours. It was hard and bitter work. The vast distances, the loneliness, the days and nights of solitude were hard, but by no means the worst of their difficulties.

From MILT HINKLE, *True West Magazine*, 1961. Hinkle was a cowboy who had ridden the trails.

Using **Source E and your own knowledge**, explain why the long drives were difficult and dangerous for cowboys. (9 marks)

(c) How important were the railways in the development of cattle ranching on the Great Plains? (15 marks)

Turn over for the next question

Turn over ▶

OR

Total for this question: 30 marks

The Mormons

3 (a) Who was Joseph Smith? *(6 marks)*

(b) **Source F** An account of Mormon customs

A Mormon man returned from England bringing with him a wife and child, although he had left a wife and family here when he went away. I am told that his first wife is happy. Her husband and his Mormon friends have persuaded her that polygamy is taught in the Bible – Abraham and all the old prophets had several
5 wives. If it was right for them then it was right for the Mormons.

From a letter written by a non-Mormon woman from Nauvoo in September, 1843

Using **Source F and your own knowledge**, explain why Mormons' beliefs and actions often caused conflict with non-Mormons between 1830 and 1844. *(9 marks)*

(c) How important was the leadership of Brigham Young in both leading the Mormons to the Great Salt Lake and then settling there? *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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SOURCES BOOKLET

Sources A to D for use in answering Question 1

Source A A white man's view of the Plains Indians

The average Indian is a being who does little credit to human nature. I passed over the magnificent lands of Kansas, the best corn lands on earth and saw the Indians sitting around the doors of their tipis at the height of the planting season. I could not help saying, "These people must die out – there is no help for them. God has given this
5 earth to those who will tame and cultivate it."

From an account by HORACE GREELEY of his journey from New York to San Francisco published in 1859

Source B Another white man's view of the Plains Indians

Promises made to the Indians have been shamelessly broken. Our Indian wars are unnecessary and evil. The North American Indian is the noblest type of a heathen man on earth. The Indians have no land rights or laws to protect them. The Indians were given the Indian Territory as compensation for wrongs done to them. Greedy eyes
5 now want that land. Dark as their history is, there is a brighter side. Thousands who were once wild, painted savages will find their greatest joy in the Bible which will civilise our Red brothers.

From an account by HENRY WHIPPLE, Bishop of Minnesota, written in November 1880

Source C A painting of the Plains called *Westward the Course of Empire takes its way* (1868). Fanny Palmer, the artist, lived in North America and knew the Plains well.



Turn over for Source D

Source D An interpretation of the influence of women in the West

Most women who went west were tireless, hardworking and dedicated. They were determined to do what they could with what little they had to make life as good as possible for their families. Perhaps women did more to bring law and order to the West than the sheriffs and marshals.

From R REES and S STYLES, *The American West* 1986

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