



# Cambridge Pre-U

## HISTORY

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

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2 hours 15 minutes



You must answer on the answer booklet/paper.

You will need: Answer booklet/paper

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total:  
You must answer questions from at least **two** sections.
- If you have been given an answer booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- You will be marked on analysis and critical evaluation in your answers. You should also show an awareness of links and comparisons between different countries and different periods, where appropriate.
- At the end of the examination, fasten all your work together. Do **not** use staples, paper clips or glue.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 90.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

This syllabus is regulated for use in England, Wales and Northern Ireland as a Cambridge International Level 3 Pre-U Certificate.

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**Section 1: c.1750–c.1820**

- 1 What best explains the increasing deterioration in the relationship between Britain and the Thirteen Colonies between 1763 and 1776? [30]
- 2 How important a feature of the American Enlightenment was religious freedom? [30]
- 3 Why did the War of Independence last so long? [30]
- 4 How democratic was the Constitution? [30]
- 5 How effectively did presidents deal with domestic issues, 1801–c.1820? [30]

**Section 2: c.1820–1865**

- 6 'Slavery was economically disastrous for the South.' Was it? [30]
- 7 How important for the US was the second party system? [30]
- 8 How important was the Monroe Doctrine in US foreign policy, c.1820–1861? [30]
- 9 Was the victory of the North in the American Civil War primarily due to the failings of Southern leadership? [30]
- 10 'The preservation of the Union was Lincoln's greatest achievement as president of the USA.' Assess this view. [30]

**Section 3: Themes c.1750–c.1900**

- 11 What best explains the damage to Native American culture in the nineteenth century? [30]
- 12 Was the impact of immigration on society in the USA more negative than positive, c.1840–c.1920? [30]
- 13 'The temperance movement was motivated primarily by concerns about the economy.' Discuss. [30]
- 14 How far do American novels of the nineteenth century give an insight into the problems of American life? [30]
- 15 To what extent did men dominate family life and values before 1900? [30]
- 16 What best explains the rapid growth of railways in the USA before 1914? [30]

**Section 4: 1865–1914**

- 17 What best explains the limited support for the socialist movement from c.1880 to 1914? [30]
- 18 Was the Populist movement a total failure? [30]
- 19 What best explains the rise of American imperialism, c.1880–1914? [30]
- 20 'More successful at home than abroad.' Assess this view of the policies of President Theodore Roosevelt. [30]
- 21 How far did Woodrow Wilson implement his aims in domestic policy during his first presidency to 1916? [30]

**Section 5: 1914–1953**

- 22 'The economic contribution of the USA was more important than its military involvement to the Allied victory in the First World War.' Do you agree? [30]
- 23 How extensive was social change in the USA in the 1920s? [30]
- 24 'Economic recovery was only achieved after the entry of the USA into the Second World War.' Discuss. [30]
- 25 How convincing is the view that the USA followed an isolationist foreign policy from 1920 to 1941? [30]
- 26 Was its involvement in the Battle of the Atlantic the most significant contribution of the USA to the war in Europe, 1941–1945? [30]
- 27 How successful was Truman's foreign policy in containing communism in the period from 1945 to 1953? [30]

**Section 6: 1953–2012**

- 28 How prosperous was the USA during Eisenhower's presidency, 1953–1961? [30]
- 29 Was the foreign policy of President Kennedy in the best interests of the USA? [30]
- 30 ***(Candidates offering Paper 5k: The Civil Rights Movement in the USA should not answer this question.)***
- Which was President Johnson's greater achievement: Civil Rights legislation for African Americans or the Great Society reforms? [30]
- 31 Did President Nixon's policies in Vietnam fail? [30]
- 32 How successful was the presidency of Ronald Reagan? [30]
- 33 What best explains why Clinton won the presidential elections of 1992 and 1996? [30]

**Section 7: Themes c.1900–2000**

- 34** 'The most significant change in the role and status of women in American society took place during the New Deal.' Discuss with reference to the period, c.1880–c.1945. [30]
- 35** What best explains the growth of the US economy 1941–c.1980? [30]
- 36** 'Their power was more apparent than real.' How far is this true of US presidents in the period c.1900–2000? [30]
- 37** Was conservatism the dominant feature of American culture between 1968 and 2000? [30]
- 38** 'Social divisions in the USA were primarily the result of immigration.' Discuss this view for the period from 1945 to 2000. [30]
- 39** 'The social and political influence of organised religion in the US was in continuous decline throughout the twentieth century.' Was it? [30]

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