

The United States and the World, 1945-1989

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2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How well did President Harry Truman handle the challenges he faced, 1945-1953? • Why did the Montgomery bus boycott take place and in what ways did it advance the cause of civil rights? • How did Betty Friedan and/or Marilyn Monroe reflect the changing role of women in US society? • What was the significance of the moon landing, 1969, and of Star Wars?
2023 Deferred Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did President Harry Truman manage the challenges that he faced at home and abroad? • How effectively did the US tackle problems posed by Cuba and/or Vietnam? • What was the contribution of Martin Luther King and/or Muhammad Ali to US life? • During the period 1945-1989, what were key advances in space for the US and what was their significance?
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did one or more of the following affect the US: McCarthyism; the military- industrial complex; the anti-war movement? • Which posed the greater threat to US security, the Korean War or the Cuban Missile Crisis? Argue your case, referring to both. • What attempts were made to tackle racial inequality in the US, 1945-1989? • How did the US achieve a successful moon landing in 1969, and what was its significance at home and abroad?
2022 Deferred Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which President had the more effective foreign policy, Truman or Johnson? Argue your case referring to both. • How did the Montgomery bus boycott, 1955-1956, begin, and what was its importance for the US civil rights movement? • What did you learn about two of the following: how Marilyn Munroe represented Hollywood and the American Dream; what Billy Graham contributed to religion and American culture; how Betty Friedan influenced the changing role of women? • During the period 1945-1989, what advances were made in military, space and information technology and how did they influence daily life in the United States?
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How effectively did US leaders deal with problems posed by two of the following: Korea; Cuba; Vietnam? • What were the key developments in race relations, 1945-1989? • What were the strengths and weaknesses of the US economy, 1945-1989? • What was the contribution to American life of two of the following: Betty Friedan; Billy Graham; Marilyn Monroe?
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [DBQ] To what extent did the Montgomery bus boycott bring about change?

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2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [DBQ] How did US involvement in Vietnam affect the presidency of Lyndon Johnson?
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why and how did the US become involved in war in Korea and/or Vietnam? • During the period 1945-1989, to what extent did the movement for racial equality achieve meaningful change in the US? • How did the US achieve a successful moon landing in 1969 and what was its national and international significance for the US? • What was the contribution to American life of one or more of the following: Joe McCarthy; Billy Graham; Norman Mailer?
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How effectively did President Harry Truman tackle the problems he faced at home and abroad? • What was the importance, for both countries, of US involvement in Vietnam? • What did Marilyn Monroe and/or Billy Graham contribute to American life? • During the period 1945-1989, what was the significance of advances made in space travel and information technology?
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Roosevelt to Reagan, would you agree that American presidents always acted for the good of America? Argue your case referring to more than one president. • What was the contribution of Martin Luther King to the events of the Montgomery bus boycott and to other aspects of US life? • What were the achievements of the US economy, 1945-1968, and what factors limited its growth, 1968-1989? • How did one or more of the following challenge widely-held views in the US: Norman Mailer; Betty Friedan; Muhammad Ali?
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was the greater president, Truman or Johnson? Argue your case, referring to both in your answer. • During the period 1945-1989, what was the impact on US society of McCarthyism and/or the anti-war movement? • What were the strengths and weaknesses of the US economy, 1945-1989? • What was the significance of the moon landing (1969) and/or Star Wars?
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the period 1945-1989, what was the importance for US foreign policy of one or more of the following: Berlin; Korea; Cuba? • Why did the Montgomery bus boycott (1956) take place, how was it carried out, and to what extent was it successful? • What was the American Dream and to what extent was it reflected in life in the US, 1945-1989? • During the period 1945-1989, what advances were made by the Americans in military, space and information technology?

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2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did race relations remain a major issue in the US, 1945-1989? • What were the strengths and weaknesses of Lyndon Johnson as a political leader? • What were the significant developments in the US economy, 1945-1989? • How did the Americans achieve a successful moon landing in 1969 and what was its importance for the US?
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the main developments in race relations in the US, 1945-1968? • Which president was more successful in his handling of US foreign policy, Harry Truman or Lyndon Johnson? Argue your case, referring to both. • What was the impact on the US economy of one or more of the following: the multinational corporation; the military-industrial complex; international competition from Japan and Europe? • What was the contribution of religion and/or the mass media to modern American culture?
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How well did President Harry Truman or President Lyndon Johnson handle the challenges he faced? • To what extent did the US economy experience both success and decline during the period 1945-1989? • What part did one or more of the following play in US foreign policy: Korea; Cuba; SALT and Star Wars? • What was the significance of one or more of the following in US history: Hollywood, 1945- 1968; the Montgomery bus boycott; religion in modern American culture?
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did the US Presidency develop from Roosevelt to Reagan? • What was the contribution of Martin Luther King to US affairs? • Why did the US lose the Vietnam War and/or what was the significance of the Moon landing? • What did one or more of the following contribute to American culture: Marilyn Monroe; Muhammad Ali; Billy Graham?
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the importance for US foreign policy of one or more of the following: Berlin; Korea; Cuba? • Why did the United States experience an economic boom, 1945-1968, and what was its impact on society? • What were the successes and failures of the presidency of Lyndon Johnson? • What was the impact of the Moon Landing on US domestic and foreign affairs?
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [DBQ] How important was the Montgomery bus boycott to the American civil rights movement?
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [DBQ] Why was President Johnson unable to win the war in Vietnam?

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2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How did McCarthyism and/or the anti-war movement affect US foreign policy, 1945- 1972?• In what ways did the Montgomery bus boycott, 1956, advance the cause of the civil rights movement?• What contribution did Betty Friedan and/or Norman Mailer make to society in the United States?• What were the significant developments in US foreign policy, 1973-1989?
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• During the period, 1945-1989, what was the impact of one or more of the following on American society: racial conflict; urban poverty; organised crime?• Which had the greater impact on the United States: involvement in Korea or involvement in Vietnam? Argue your case, referring to both.• What were the successes and failures of the political career of Ronald Reagan?• What was the importance of one or more of the following: McCarthyism; the Moon Landing, 1969; developments in information technology?