

# Politics and Society in Northern Ireland

Headings	Notes
	<i>Politics and Society in Northern Ireland was the topic for the Documents-Based Question (DBQ) in 2010, 2011, 2022 and 2023.</i>
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What were the successes and failures of Lord Brookeborough as leader of Northern Ireland?</li><li>• How did the Coleraine University controversy and the Civil Rights movement affect Derry in the mid-to-late 1960s?</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>
2023 Deferred Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [DBQ] How did opposition to the Sunningdale Agreement lead to the downfall of the power-sharing executive?</li></ul>
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [DBQ] Why did the Sunningdale Agreement and the power-sharing executive, 1973-1974, prove so divisive?</li></ul>
2022 Deferred Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [DBQ] How did the activities of the Apprentice Boys and other issues contribute to rising tension in Northern Ireland in the mid-to-late 1960s?</li></ul>
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [DBQ] How did the Coleraine controversy and other issues contribute to tension in Derry in the mid-to-late 1960s?</li></ul>
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What were key social and economic developments, 1949-1969?</li><li>• Would you agree that Terence O'Neill was a failure as a political leader? Argue your case.</li><li>• What was the Sunningdale Agreement and why did the power-sharing executive, 1973-1974, collapse?</li><li>• Divided societies are sometimes culturally productive. How true is this of Northern Ireland, 1949-1993?</li></ul>
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• During the period 1949-1969, how effectively did Northern Irish governments respond to the social and economic problems they faced?</li><li>• What was the Sunningdale Agreement and why did the power-sharing executive, 1973-1974, collapse?</li><li>• What was the contribution of Ian Paisley to the affairs of Northern Ireland?</li><li>• During your study of Northern Ireland, 1949-1993, what did you learn about Seamus Heaney and/or cultural responses to the "Troubles"?</li></ul>
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To what extent did Terence O'Neill differ from Lord Brookeborough as leader of Northern Ireland?</li><li>• What was the Coleraine University controversy and in what ways did it contribute to tensions in Northern Ireland?</li></ul>

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2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the importance of two of the following: the Sunningdale Agreement (1973); the Anglo-Irish Agreement (1985); the Downing Street Declaration (1993)?</li> <li>• From your study of Northern Ireland, 1949-1993, what did you learn about one or more of the following: religious affiliation and cultural identity; ecumenism; Ian Paisley?</li> </ul>
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the period 1949-1969, what was the significance of developments in education, health and housing in Northern Ireland?</li> <li>• Would you agree that Terence O'Neill and/or Brian Faulkner failed as a political leader? Argue your case.</li> </ul>
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did the "Troubles" erupt in 1969 and why did they last so long?</li> <li>• How did two of the following provoke controversy: the Apprentice Boys of Derry; the career of Bernadette Devlin; Margaret Thatcher and Northern Ireland?</li> </ul>
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What were the main social and economic problems facing Northern Ireland, 1949-1969, and how effectively were they tackled?</li> <li>• Why did the Civil Rights movement emerge in Northern Ireland and was it successful?</li> <li>• What was the contribution of Terence O'Neill and/or Ian Paisley to the affairs of Northern Ireland?</li> <li>• From your study of culture and religion in Northern Ireland, 1949-1993, what did you learn about one or more of the following: the Apprentice Boys of Derry; ecumenism; cultural responses to the "Troubles"?</li> </ul>
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the period 1949-1969, how successful was the government of Northern Ireland in responding to problems posed by the economy and/or community relations?</li> <li>• Why did controversy arise from the activities of the Apprentice Boys of Derry or the siting of a new university at Coleraine?</li> <li>• What were the strengths and weaknesses of Brian Faulkner as a political leader?</li> <li>• What was the impact of one or more of the following on Northern Ireland: Bernadette Devlin; John Hume; Seamus Heaney?</li> </ul>
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would you agree that there was considerable social and economic change in Northern Ireland, 1949-1969, but that nothing changed politically?</li> <li>• What was the contribution of Terence O'Neill and/or Ian Paisley to the affairs of Northern Ireland in the period up to 1993?</li> <li>• What was the Sunningdale Agreement and why did the power-sharing executive, 1973-1974, collapse?</li> <li>• In what ways did the "Troubles" have a social and economic impact and/or give rise to cultural responses?</li> </ul>

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2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What were the main social and economic changes that took place in Northern Ireland, 1949-1993?</li> <li>• Which was more successful, the Sunningdale Agreement (1973) or the Anglo-Irish Agreement (1985)? Argue your case, referring to both.</li> <li>• How did the people of Northern Ireland express their religious affiliation and cultural identity, 1949-1993?</li> <li>• What was the contribution to Northern Irish affairs of Bernadette Devlin and/or Margaret Thatcher?</li> </ul>
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How was Northern Ireland affected by developments in one or more of the following: education; health; housing?</li> <li>• What were Brian Faulkner's strengths and weaknesses as a political leader?</li> <li>• What was the impact of Republican and Loyalist terrorism on Northern Ireland?</li> <li>• What was the significance for Northern Ireland of one or more of the following: religious affiliation and cultural identity; the Apprentice Boys of Derry; Seamus Heaney?</li> </ul>
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How effective was the contribution of Terence O'Neill to the affairs of Northern Ireland?</li> <li>• What was the significance of the Coleraine University controversy and/or the activities of the Apprentice Boys of Derry?</li> <li>• What political attempts were made to resolve the "Troubles", 1969-1993?</li> <li>• What was the impact of one or more of the following on Northern Ireland up to 1993: Bernadette Devlin; Ian Paisley; Seamus Heaney?</li> </ul>
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[DBQ]</b> What was the significance of the activities of the Apprentice Boys of Derry for both Unionists and Nationalists in Northern Ireland?</li> </ul>
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[DBQ]</b> What were the difficulties associated with implementing the Sunningdale Agreement?</li> </ul>
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who was the more effective leader of Northern Ireland, Brookeborough or O'Neill? Argue your case, referring to both.</li> <li>• To what extent were the activities of the Apprentice Boys of Derry and/or the choice of Coleraine as the site of Northern Ireland's second university divisive?</li> <li>• What were the social and economic effects of the "Troubles"?</li> <li>• What was the importance of one or more of the following: the Sunningdale Agreement, 1973; the Anglo-Irish Agreement, 1985; the Downing Street Declaration, 1993?</li> </ul>
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How successful was the government of Northern Ireland in responding to social and economic problems, 1949-1969?</li> </ul>

