

Paper 2 themes and subthemes

Civil War and Reconstruction 1861-1877

Why did the Civil War last for four years?	➤ The military strategies of the two sides ➤ The leadership of the two sides
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	➤ The political aims of the two sides ➤ The resources available to the two sides
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How great was the immediate impact of the Civil War?	➤ Limitations on civil liberties during the war ➤ The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863 ➤ Life in the Confederate States ➤ Democratic politics; North and South
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What were the aims and outcomes of Reconstruction?	➤ Presidential Reconstruction ➤ Radical Reconstruction ➤ Constitutional Amendments 13,14, and 15
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How successful was Reconstruction?	➤ The changing practice of Reconstruction ➤ The changing position of ex-slaves ➤ The responses of the White South ➤ The Compromise of 1877
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The Gilded Age and the Progressive Era 1870-1920

Why were the 1870s and 1880s decades of rapid industrialization?	➤ The growth of trusts and corporations ➤ Technological innovations
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The growth of the railways ➤ Trade policies, e.g. tariffs
How great were the economic and social consequences of rapid industrialization in the late nineteenth century?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New immigration ➤ Economic growth and recessions ➤ The realities of urbanization ➤ The farming crisis
What were the main aims of the Progressive Movement in the 1890s and 1900s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Limits on party machines and bosses ➤ Prohibition ➤ Female emancipation ➤ Regulation of private corporations
How successful was the Progressive Movement?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The career of Theodore Roosevelt ➤ Constitutional Reforms ➤ The presidency of Woodrow Wilson