

Themes AICE American History

Civil War and Reconstruction 1861-1877

Why did the Civil War last for four years?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The military strategies of the two sides➤ The leadership of the two sides➤ The political aims of the two sides➤ The resources available to the two sides
How great was the immediate impact of the Civil War?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Limitations on civil liberties during the war➤ The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863➤ Life in the Confederate States➤ Democratic politics; North and South
What were the aims and outcomes of Reconstruction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Presidential Reconstruction➤ Radical Reconstruction➤ Constitutional Amendments 13,14, and 15
How successful was Reconstruction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The changing position of ex-slaves➤ The responses of the White South

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 ➤ 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?	➤ 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?	➤ Limits on party machines and bosses ➤ Prohibition ➤ Female emancipation ➤ Regulation of private corporations
How successful was the Progressive Movement?	➤ The career of Theodore Roosevelt ➤ Constitutional Reforms ➤ The presidency of Woodrow Wilson ➤ The USA in the 1920s

The Great Crash, the Great Depression and the New Deal, 1929-1941

How great was the impact of the Great Crash and the Great Depression on the USA?	➤ Economic developments in the 1930s ➤ Developments in US society ➤ Political change in the 1930s
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<p>➤ How effective were the strategies used by Presidents Hoover and Roosevelt to deal with the domestic problems facing the USA in the 1930s?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The economic and social policies of Herbert Hoover ➤ The 100 Days and the First New Deal ➤ The Second New Deal ➤ Franklin Roosevelt's political strategies
<p>How effective was the opposition to the New Deal?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Opposition from the liberal left ➤ Opposition from the conservative right ➤ Opposition from the Supreme Court
<p>Based on his leadership of the USA in the 1930s, how far does Franklin Roosevelt deserve his reputation as one of the great US presidents?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The case for: durable change ➤ The case against: limited economic impact, challenge to US values ➤ The historical debate