

Themes AICE American History

Civil War and Reconstruction 1861-1877

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| 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

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| Why were the 1870s and 1880s decades of rapid industrialization? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 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? | <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➤ The USA in the 1920s |

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

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| How great was the impact of the Great Crash and the Great Depression on the USA? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 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 |