



A Level History

The exam board has released advance information for your exam topics and have indicated areas of the specification that questions will be drawn from. You have received a full list of this content from Mrs Kenway already, but in brief, the topics are:

In Search of the American Dream: the USA 1917-96

Sections A and B will draw from the following broad topics:

1. The changing political environment

A changing presidency: the rise and decline of Republicanism to 1933; the influence of Roosevelt
Changes on the political landscape: from rugged individualism to New Deal ideals in the 1920s and 30s; the Red Scares and anti-communism; liberalism and counter culture.

The impact of war on domestic politics: The Cold War and the Korean and Vietnam Wars

2. The quest for civil rights

Black civil rights: 1955-80

The search for minority rights: Native American and Hispanic campaigns; the emergence of the gay rights movement.

3. Society and culture in change 1917-80

The changing position of women, 1917-80.

4. The changing quality of life

Economic influences: impact of boom, bust and recovery, 1917–41; the impact of the Second World War, post-war affluence, 1941–69.

Changing living standards: fluctuations in the standard of living, 1917–41; the impact of the Second World War and the growth of a consumer society, 1941–60; living standards, 1961–80

For Section C as it is a discrete topic, the exam board have not released any advance information.

India: The Road to Independence 1914-47

Most of the advance content draws from key topics 1 and 2 of the exam spec. Please refer to your full list of content for the following topics:

1. The First World War and it's impact on British India, 1914-20

2. Changing political relationships, 1920-30

Less content will draw from key topics 3 and 4 of the exam spec. Again, refer to your full list of content but the following topics will be examined on:

3. Consultation and confrontation, 1930-42

– The failure of the Round Table Conferences and their reasons for failure.

4. The road to independence, 1942-48

– The impact of WWII on Indian politics, events in India during WWII and the failure of the Simla Conference of 1945.

The British Experience of Warfare c1790-1914

Section A will draw from the following topic:

1. Britain and the French Wars, 1793-1815

- Facing the French threat on land: the role of Wellington in the defeat of the French.
- Facing the French threat at sea: the role of Nelson in the defeat of the French.
- The impact on the British economy, industry, commerce and agriculture of the length of the conflict.

Section B could draw from the following topics. Please refer to your full list of content for the following topics:

3. The Second Boer War 1899-1902

- How effectively did the British Army meet the challenges faced in South Africa?
- How significant was the contribution of British commanders to the outcome of the war?
- To what extent did the reporting of the war impact on public opinion in Britain?

4. Trench warfare on the Western Front 1914-18

- Reasons for trench warfare, use of new fighting techniques and new technology, significance of Haig's major offensives (Somme, Passchendaele, Hundred Days Offensive).

5. The War in the Air 1914-18

- Development of the RFC as a fighting force, importance of technology in development of air combat, importance of air power in achieving victory in 1918.

For Section C as it is a breadth topic, the exam board have not released any advance information.