

Revision List Fifth Year History Summer Exam

Below is each section of the American course broken down into small manageable chunks to aid you with your study.

Advice for Study:

1. Choose two areas of study from each section.
2. Revise these sections in detail, using both your textbook (pages numbers are besides each topic) and notes given in class.
3. Practice planning answers using your notes.
4. Remember you have a maximum of 35-40 minutes to write one essay.
5. Your essay should include an introduction 10 paragraphs and a conclusion to maximise your chances of getting a good mark.

The United States & the World

1. The US Economy after WWII (pg 75-113)

- Why did the USA experience an economic boom?
- How did the US economy perform between 1968-1989?
- Demographic changes in the USA, affluent society, consumer society, women's lives.
- How did the family change?
- Did all Americans benefit from this affluent society?

2. Racial Conflict – (pg 114-134)

- What was the status of the African American Population before WWII?
- The Impact of WWII
- How did social and economic changes affect race relations?
- What was desegregation?
- African-Americans in the military.
- **Case Study: The Montgomery Bus Boycott 1955-1956 (pg 114-126)**

3. US Foreign Policy 1945-72 (pg 25-46)

- What triggered the Cold War?
- Importance of the Berlin Blockade to foreign policy
- Impact of McCarthyism on foreign policy
- Impact of the Korean War on foreign Policy
- Main developments of the Cold War in the 1950s
- Why did the Cuban Missile Crisis bring the world to the brink of Nuclear War?
- What were the main developments to US foreign policy in the remainder of the 1960s?
- **Case Study: L.B. Johnson and the Vietnam War (pg47-60)**

- ❖ Why did the USA become involved in Vietnam?
- ❖ How did the involvement of the USA escalate?
- ❖ What was the nature of fighting in Vietnam?
- ❖ Factors that led to the anti-war movement
- ❖ Importance of the Tet Offensive
- ❖ Events that led to US withdrawal from Vietnam
- ❖ Results of the war for the USA.

4. Decline of the Cold War 1973-89 (pg 65-73)

- What was détente?
- What were the SALT agreements?
- What led to the decline of détente?
- What was Ronald Regan's Star Wars plan?

- How did the Cold War end?

5. Consensus 1945-1989 (pg 137-152)

- What contributed to the age of consensus 1945-68?
- What was the American Dream?
- What led to the collapse of consensus 1968-89?
- Multiculturalism in the USA?

6. Religion in the US (pg 153-164)

- Main religious groups in USA
- Why was religion important in the 1950s?
- What role did religion play in Race relations?
- Why did organised religion decline?
- What role did the Moral Majority movement play in US Politics?

7. Advances in Military and Information Technology 1945-91 (pg 165-169)

- What were the main advances in military technology?
- What were the main advances in information technology?

Case Study: The Moon Landing (169-181)

- Origins of the Space Race
- Escalation of the Space Race
- Why did the USA take the lead in the race to the moon?
- How did the USA plan to land on the moon?
- Main events during the moon landing?
- Why did the space race end?
- How did manned space exploration develop?

Politics and Society in Northern Ireland, 1949-1993

1. The Partition of Ireland and the Emergence of Northern Ireland 1920-1945

- What events led to the partition of Ireland in 1920?
- What were the divisions between Unionists and Nationalists in Northern Ireland?
- Structure of Northern Ireland government
- Economy in Northern Ireland
- Northern Ireland during WWII

2. The Impact of the Welfare State and the leadership of Lord Brookeborough, 1943-1963

- Basil Brooke's time as Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, from 1943-1963
- The introduction of the Welfare State and its impact on Northern Irish life
- Economy in Northern Ireland after WWII
- Steps taken by nationalists groups to end partition in Northern Ireland, 1945-62
- Basil Brooke's success and failures as Prime Minister.

3. Terence O'Neill becomes Prime Minister and the Coleraine University Controversy. 1963-67

- O'Neill becoming Prime Minister in 1963
- What attempts did O'Neill make to develop better relations with the Northern Ireland's Catholic community?
- Reaction to O'Neill meeting Séan Lemass
- Economic developments in Northern Ireland under O'Neill
- Why was there a need for a second university in Northern Ireland?
- Why did the university's location prove controversial?
- Assessment of O'Neill as Prime Minister

4. The End of O'Neill Era and the Emergence of Civil Right Movement, 1967-69

- Why did unionists and nationalists oppose O'Neill's leadership?
- Success and failure of the civil rights movement
- Assess O'Neill's time as Prime Minister
- What were the sectarian tensions that existed in Northern Ireland in 1969?

5. Chichester-Clark as Prime Minister and the "Troubles", 1969-72

- Chichester-Clark and Brian Faulkner's leadership of Northern Ireland
- How did political failures contribute to the outbreak of the Troubles?
- What political and security measures taken to contain violence?
- Reasons for the emergence of the Provisional IRA.
- Role of the British Army's growing involvement in the conflict
- Impact of the Troubles on Northern Irish politics
- Reaction in Ireland and Britain
- What was the significance of the introduction of direct rule?

6. The Introduction of Direct Rule and the Sunningdale Agreement, 1972-1974

- What were Whitelaw's efforts to restore order and why did they failed?
- Why did the nationalist community lose confidence in the British Army?
- What were nationalist and unionist responses to the ideas of power sharing?
- What divisions emerged within unionism?
- What were the successes and failures of the Sunningdale Agreement?

7. Stalemate and the Search for Peace 1974-1984

- What was the impact of the Troubles on economic and political life?
- The IRA's campaign of violence and the political development of Sinn Féin
- Development of Anglo-Irish relations
- How relations became strained because of the hunger strikes?
- The political efforts made to find a solution to the Troubles

8. Peace in Sight 1985-1994

- What were the major steps taken in the Northern Ireland peace process?
- The Anglo-Irish Agreement 1985
- The role played by the main political figures in securing a resolution to the Troubles
- The Hume-Adams talks
- Political and sectarian causes and consequences of the Troubles 1969-1994
- Northern Irelands economic development 1949-1994

9. Society and Culture in Northern Ireland 1949-1993

- What were the differences in nationalist and unionist cultural identities in Northern Ireland?
- How did these cultural differences create sectarian tensions?
- What is the history and traditions of 'The Apprentice Boys of Derry'?
- Why were the Apprentice Boys matches divisive?
- What was the artistic and cultural responses to the Troubles?

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