

Advance information June 2022

A-level History (7042)

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Because of the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we are providing advance information on the focus of June 2022 exams to help students revise.

This is the advance information for **A-level History (7042), 2Q The American Dream: reality and illusion, 1945–1980**.

Information

- This notice covers advanced information for **7042/2Q The American Dream: reality and illusion, 1945–1980**.
- There are no restrictions on who can use this notice.
- This notice is meant to support final revision.
- The format/structure of the papers remains unchanged.
- You are **not** permitted to take this notice into the exam.

Advice

- Students and teachers can discuss this advance information notice.
- Questions will be drawn from one or more of the indicated areas of specification content.
- The information is presented in specification order and not in question order.
- Students **will** be credited for using any relevant knowledge when answering questions.
- Students **will not** be disadvantaged if solely using the areas indicated in this document. There is no expectation of knowledge beyond that identified in order to achieve full marks.
- It is advised that teaching and learning should still aim to address the entire subject content in the specification.

Focus of the June 2022 exam

This paper will sample from the following areas of the specification content for **7042/2Q**.

Part one: Prosperity, inequality and Superpower status, 1945–1963

Section one: Truman and Post-war America, 1945–1952

- The United States in 1945 and the legacies of the world war: the powers of the presidency; the main political parties; post-war prosperity; regional, ethnic and social divisions

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- Truman and post-war reconstruction: the economy; political divisions and domestic problems; the rise of McCarthyism
 - African-Americans in North and South: the impact of the Second World War; campaigns for Civil Rights; the responses of the federal and state authorities

Section two: Eisenhower: Tranquillity and crisis, 1952 – 1960

- N/A

Section three: John F Kennedy and the 'New Frontier', 1960–1963

- The presidential election of 1960 and reasons for Kennedy's victory; the policies and personalities of the Kennedy administration; the ideas behind the 'New Frontier'
- Challenges to American power: the legacy of crises over Berlin and relations with Khrushchev; the challenge of Castro's Cuba; deepening involvement in Vietnam
- African-Americans in North and South: the rise of the Civil Rights Movement; the opponents of Civil Rights, including within the Democratic Party; Kennedy's policies in response to the pressures for change
- The United States by 1963: its position as a world power; economic prosperity; the growing pressures for social change from women and youth

Part two: challenges to the American Dream, 1963–1980

Section four: The Johnson Presidency, 1963–1968

- Johnson as President: personality and policies; his pursuit of the 'Great Society'; the impact of the Kennedy legacy; economic developments
- Maintaining American world power: escalation of the war in Vietnam; relations between the USA and its Western allies
- Social divisions and protest movements: education and youth; feminism; radicalisation of African-Americans; anti-war movements; the role of the media

Section five: Republican reaction: the Nixon Presidency, 1968–1974

- The Watergate Affair and its aftermath: the role of Congress; the resignation of the President; Nixon's political legacy

Section six: The USA after Nixon, 1974–1980

- Ford and Carter as presidents: responses to social divisions; political corruption and the loss of national self-confidence

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