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# A-level HISTORY

## The American Dream: Reality and Illusion, 1945–1980

Paper 2Q

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**ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER**

2 hours 30 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **2Q**.
- Answer **three** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

### Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
    - 60 minutes on Question 01
    - 45 minutes on each of the two questions in Section B.
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**Section A**Answer Question 01

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**Source A**

Adapted from Eisenhower's State of the Union address, Jan 10th 1957, outlining his assessment of the state of the country.

High priority should be given to the school construction bill. This will benefit children of all races throughout the country, and children of all races need schools now. A program designed to meet emergency needs for more classrooms should be enacted without delay. I am hopeful that this program can be enacted on its own merits, uncomplicated by provisions dealing with the complex problems of integration. I urge the people in all sections of the country to approach these problems with calm and reason, with mutual understanding and good will and, in the American tradition, of deep respect for the orderly processes of law and justice.

I should say here that we have much reason to be proud of the progress our people are making in mutual understanding, the chief buttress of human and civil rights. Steadily we are moving closer to the goal of fair and equal treatment of citizens without regard to race or color. But unhappily much remains to be done.

**Source B**

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**Source C**

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying attitudes to integrating schools in the South.

**[30 marks]**

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**Section B**

Answer **two** questions

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**0 2**

‘Johnson’s failure to win the Vietnam war stemmed from the mistakes of Kennedy.’

Assess the validity of this view.

**[25 marks]**

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‘The USA was a united country in the five years after the Second World War ended.’

Assess the validity of this view.

**[25 marks]**

**0 4**

‘Carter’s failings in foreign affairs was the reason behind the election of Reagan.’

Assess the validity of this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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