

## AS HISTORY

The making of a Superpower: USA, 1865–1975

Component 1K From Civil War to World War, 1865–1920

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Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-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 7041/1K.
- Answer **two** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- 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:
  - 50 minutes on Section A
  - 40 minutes on Section B.

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**Section A**Answer Question 01.

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**Extract A**

In 1890, American foreign policy began to look outwards. By 1898, the United States had won a quick and easy victory in a war with Spain and had snapped up all of Spain's remaining overseas colonial territory. By 1900, America had itself become a world empire and had now staked its claim halfway around the globe. The nation's leaders wanted the United States to follow the examples of leading European nations and become a major power on the international stage. Throughout the Wilson administration, interventionist policies were expanded and built upon. After war broke out in Europe, it was clear that America could not remain isolated from the conflict.

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Adapted from JM Cooper, *Pivotal Decades*, 1990

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With reference to these extracts and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two extracts provides the more convincing interpretation of US foreign policy, from 1890 to 1917?

**[25 marks]**

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**Section B**

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

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**Either**

**0 2** 'In the years 1865 to 1890, the American West remained lawless and deeply divided.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**or**

**0 3** 'In the years 1896 to 1912, Republican political dominance was due to the weaknesses of the Democratic Party.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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