

Curriculum Journey 2026-2027

Subject: History Year 12 A -Level America 1920-1955

Exam board: Edexcel

Year 12	Half Term 1	Half term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half term 5	Half Term 6
Topic	Unit 1 Boom and Crash Immigration to USA Racial tension Prohibition Cultural change Harlem Renaissance, Cultural changes eg, sport, radio. Changes to women's lives Society changes due to the boom Causes of the economic boom Source work skills Exam skills	Depression and the New Deal Causes of the Crash The Great Depression Unemployment and effects on society Hoovers policies Roosevelt and the first New Deal, Second new Deal 1935-38 Source skills Exam skills	Impact of the New Deal/ WW2 Economic impact of the New Deal up to 1939 Impact of the New Deal on ethnic minorities. New Deal Assessment of the New Deal Exam skills Source Skills	WW2 and its impact on the USA The war and the economy. The end of Unemployment Impact of women in society. Migration Youth employment. Cultural changes. Exam skills Source Skills	Transformation of the USA 1945-1955 Economic transformation. Government policies. End of post war euphoria The cold war and McCarthyism Cultural changes, eg TV, Rock and Roll, Teen culture The changing status of minorities and Civil Rights. Exam skills Source Skills	Ireland and The Union-Nationalism, agitation to civil war, Breadth aspects. Ireland before 1774 Penal laws and Catholic relief acts. Agitation and rebellion 1774-1870 Demands of the Irish Volunteers and United Irishmen. 1782 constitution, rebellion of 1798 Act of Union Young Ireland and the IRB.

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	Milestone 1 – Timed in class exam questions Essay practice. Milestone 2 – Timed in class Source exam question.	Milestone 3 – Timed in class exam questions.	Summative Assessment – Timed class source exam question.	Milestone 4 – Timed in class exam questions.	Milestone 5 – Timed in class exam source question.	Mock Exams – USA 1920-1955 1 source Q and 1 essay Q
Links to prior learning	KS3 Yr 8 lessons on Empire and how Britain lost America Year 9 lessons on American in the 1920's	KS3 Year 9 Lessons on America in the 1930's and the depression. Yr 12 Life in Britain lessons, the depression.	KS3 Year 9 lessons on Black Civil Rights. Black History Month lessons.	KS3 Year 9 lessons on American in the 1920's Previous culture lessons in the 1920's.	KS3 lessons on Black Civil Rights. Black History Month lessons. Y9 and Yr 11 lessons on the Cold War	KS3 Y8 Empire lesson on Ireland and Home Rule lesson. Yr 9 lessons on Ireland and Britain. Soldiers of the Empire
Catholic Social Teaching	Human Dignity Common Good Rights and responsibilities Participation Solidarity Option for the poor	Human Dignity Common Good Solidarity Option for the poor Rights and responsibilities Participation Stewardship Subsidiarity	Human Dignity Common Good Solidarity Option for the poor Rights and responsibilities Participation	Human Dignity Common Good Solidarity Rights and responsibilities Participation Stewardship	Human Dignity Common Good Solidarity Option for the poor Rights and responsibilities Participation	Human Dignity Common Good Solidarity Option for the poor Rights and responsibilities Participation Subsidiarity
Careers and Personal Development links	Historian, librarian Researcher, Journalism Archivist, Lawyer, Business, Teaching, Writing and literature, Heritage management, Government and	Historian, librarian Researcher, Journalism Archivist, Lawyer, Business, Teaching, Writing and literature, Heritage management,	Historian, librarian Researcher, Journalism Archivist, Lawyer, Business, Teaching, Writing and literature,	Historian, librarian Researcher, Journalism Archivist, Lawyer, Business, Teaching, Writing and literature, Heritage	Historian, librarian Researcher, Journalism Archivist, Lawyer, Business, Teaching, Writing and literature, Heritage	Historian, librarian Researcher, Journalism Archivist, Lawyer, Business, Teaching, Writing and literature,



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