A8: A Divided Union: Civil Rights in the USA 1945-1974: Question Generator!

**Key Events**
- HUAC
- Hollywood Ten
- The Hiss Case
- Tydings Committee
- The Rosenberg Case
- The McCarran Act
- McCarthyism
- Brown v Topeka
- Montgomery Bus Boycott
- Little Rock
- Greensboro Sit-ins
- SDS Created
- Freedom Riders
- Port Huron Statement
- Feminine Mystique Published
- Birmingham March
- Washington March
- The Civil Rights Act
- Berkely University Protests
- Selma to Montgomery March
- The Voting Rights Act
- Watts Riots
- James Meredith March
- NOW created
- Black Panther's created
- Columbia University Protests
- MLK Assassinated
- Kent State Shootings
- ERA Passed
- Watergate Break-in
- STOP created
- Roe v Wade

**Exam Questions**

a) 'Write these five events in the correct chronological sequence...' (3)

b) 'Choose [event]...Describe one effect on the USA of the event you have chosen...' (4)

c) 'Why was/Why did/Why had... ...Explain your answer.' (8)

d) 'Use the source and your own knowledge to explain... why/how/changed.' (10)

**General Knowledge**
- Who was involved?
- What happened?
- When did it take place?
- Where did it take place?
- Why did it happen?
- How did it happen?
- What did it lead to?
- Why was this event important?
- How did this effect the USA?
- Give 3 facts about this event.
- Give 3 causes of this event.
- Give 3 consequences of this event.
- Talk about this event for 1 minute

**Who are these people & Groups? Explain what you know about them:**
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**Reasons for the Red Scare**
- What were the differences between capitalism and communism?
- What happened to Eastern Europe after WW2?
- How did this increase fears in the USA?
- How did the USA try to stop communism in 1947?
- How did the Berlin Blockade heighten fears in the USA?
- How did the Chinese Civil War heighten fears in the USA?
- How did the USSR developing an atomic bomb in 1949 heighten fears in the USA?
- How did the Korean War heighten fears in the USA?
- Did the death of Stalin lower tensions?

**The Hiss Case**
- Who was Elizabeth Bentley & what did she do?
- Who was Wittaker Chambers?
- Who was Alger Hiss?
- What did Chambers accuse Hiss of doing?
- How did Hiss react to Chambers claim?
- What was Hiss indicted on?
- What sentence did he receive?
- Why did the case heighten public concerns of communism?
- What did the McCarran Act do?
- What role did Richard Nixon play?

**The Hollywood Ten**
- Why was HUAC worried about Hollywood being communist?
- Who were the Hollywood Ten?
- Why did they refuse to give evidence to HUAC?
- What were the Ten convicted of?
- What effect did the Hollywood Ten have on the film industry?

**The House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC)**
- When did HUAC become a permanent committee?
- What was HUAC and what was it charged to do?
- Who was HUAC's first chairman?
- What famous cases did HUAC investigate?
- Why were people worried about being accused by HUAC?
- When was HUAC abolished?

**The Rosenberg Case**
- Who were Julius & Ethel Rosenberg?
- When were they arrested?
- What were they accused of?
- How conclusive was the evidence against them?
- What events increased the fear of Communism during their trial?
- How were they linked to the Soviet Atomic Bomb?
- What was their sentence?
- Why was there mass demonstrations against their sentence?

**McCarthyism**
- What did McCarthy say at a Republican Meeting in Feb 1950?
- What was the Tydings Committee?
- How and why did McCarthy try to attack Senator Tydings?
- What methods did he use to hunt for Communists?
- Who supported McCarthy and why?
- How did Eisenhower try to stop McCarthy?
- How did his investigations into the army undermine McCarthy?
- What role did Ed Murrow play in McCarthy's downfall?
- When and why was McCarthy censured by the Senate?
- What were the effects of McCarthyism on America?
Discrimination and Segregation Pre-1950

- When did the USA abolish slavery? What Amendment of the Constitution made black people full US citizens?
- How were black Americans discriminated against in the USA?
- What was the NAACP? Why was it created?
- What was CORE? Why was it created?
- How did the Second World War change black attitudes?
- What was segregation?
- What were the 'Jim Crow' laws?
- What did President Truman declare in 1947?
- Why was the 1896 Plessy v Ferguson Case so significant?
- What were 'lynchings'?

Brown v. Topeka

- Which law of 1896 allowed for segregated schools?
- What did Linda and Oliver Brown want for her daughter?
- How did the NACCP help?
- Why was the first case in 1951 rejected by the state court?
- What did the Supreme Court decide in the second case in 1954?
- How successful was the court ruling? Did it work?

Montgomery Bus Boycott

- What did Rosa Parks do to get arrested on 1st Dec 1955?
- When was Rosa Parks’ trial?
- How was Rosa Parks punished by the court?
- Who organised a one-day boycott during the trial?
- Who was appointed leader of the MIA?
- What did the MIA do to improve integration on buses?
- What percentage of bus users were black Americans?
- What happened to those who took part in the boycott?
- What happened to King’s home in January 1956?
- How long did the bus boycott last?
- What did the Supreme Court rule on 19th Dec 1956?
- Why was the Bus Boycott successful?
- What were the main effects of the Boycott on the USA?

Little Rock High School

- Who was the governor of Arkansas in 1957?
- What did he do to keep black students out of school?
- What did President Eisenhower do to solve the situation?
- Why did the governor close down the school?
- Why was Little Rock a significant event?
- Who were the ‘Little Rock Nine’?

Martin Luther King

- When was MLK born? When did he die?
- What organisations was MLK a member of?
- What did MLK study at university?
- Which group was he the leader of?
- Which Indian leader did MLK admire?
- How did his Christian faith inspire him to protest?
- What non-violent protest methods did he support?
- How important were his speaking skills to the movement?
- Why were voting rights important to MLK?
- When did he win the Nobel Peace Prize?
- When was he voted Time Magazine ‘man of the year’?
- When and where did he give his ‘I have a dream’ speech?
- When was he assassinated and who by?
- What was the effect of his assassination on the USA?

Greensboro Sit-in

- What department store was the first sit-in held?
- What happened during the Greensboro sit-in?
- What was the SNCC?
- What role did the SNCC play in the movement?
- How many students had taken part by Sep 1961?
- What were the effects of the sit-ins on the USA?
The Freedom Riders
- When did the Supreme Court rule that all bus stations and terminals should be integrated?
- Which organisation decided to test this law?
- When was the first freedom ride?
- Who took part in the first ride?
- What was the route of the ride?
- What happened to the riders at Anniston? When was this?
- What happened in Birmingham?
- Who was the police chief of Birmingham?
- What happened in Montgomery?
- What happened in Jackson?
- How did the Rides effect the membership of CORE?
- How many riders were arrested over the summer?
- What did the government do on May 29th 1962?
- What were the main effects of the Freedom Rides on the USA?

Birmingham March
- What did the city of Birmingham, Alabama do to avoid integrating?
- Who organised ‘Project C’?
- What did ‘Project C’ hope to achieve?
- What percentage of the population of Birmingham were black Americans?
- How did Bull Connor respond to the demonstrations?
- Why was King arrested?
- What did he write in jail?
- How and why did children and students take part?
- How did Bull Connor respond?
- What role did the media play in the protest?
- When was the protest settled?
- What were the effects of the demonstrations on the USA?

The Civil Rights Act
- When did Kennedy become President? What % of black voters voted for Kennedy?
- When was Kennedy assassinated?
- When was the act signed into law?
- What did the Act do?
- Was the Act enforced everywhere?
- How did the Act improve equality?

Washington March
- When was the march?
- Why was the march arranged?
- Which organisations took part?
- How many people took part?
- Which famous musicians played?
- Who spoke at the event?
- Why was the march so significant?

The Voting Rights Act
- When was the Act signed?
- What did the Act do?
- Which President signed the Act?
- How many black Americans had registered to vote by the end of 1965?
- How did James Meredith try to encourage voter registration?

Selma to Montgomery March
- When was the march?
- Why was the march arranged?
- What was the route of the march?
- Why was the march stopped?
- What did the police do?
- What effect did this have on President Johnson?
Reasons for the Growth in Protest Movements

- Why did the Second World War heighten expectations of social change?
- What does WASP stand for?
- What did Kennedy promise in his 1961 election campaign?
- How did growing prosperity effect the post-war generation?
- How did the media effect the post-war generation?
- How did the 1950s raise expectations of change for teenagers?
- What is a 'counter-culture'?
- How did the contraception pill lead to greater freedom amongst the young?
- What was the 'hippy' movement?
- How did going to university encourage a counter-culture?
- How did 1960s pop music encourage the growing counter-culture?
- How did MLK & the Civil Rights Movement encourage other protest movements?
- Why did the Vietnam War lead to greater protests?

Student Protest Movement

- Why did the number of students grow in the 1960s?
- Who were SDS?
- What did the Port Huron Statement call for?
- How many members did SDS have by the end of 30,000?
- What protest methods did the Student Movement use?
- Why were students particularly angered by the Vietnam War?
- What happened during the Berkeley University protest of 1964?
- What happened during the Columbia University protest of 1968?
- What happened during the Kent State University protest of 1970?
- Can you remember any student protest slogans?

Role of Women in the 1950s and early 1960s

- What were women traditional expected to do with their lives?
- What impact did the Second World War have on women's expectations of change?
- Why were employers reluctant to employ women in career jobs?
- Who was Eleanor Roosevelt?
- How did she use her position to campaign for women's rights?
- When did Eleanor Roosevelt die?
- Who was Betty Friedan?
- What did the Feminine Mystique conclude?
- Why was the Women's Movement in the 1960s called the 'Second Wave of Feminism'?
- What did the women's movement achieve?

Women's Liberation Movement

- How did the 1963 Equal Pay Act boost equality for women?
- How did the 1964 Civil Rights Act boost equality for women?
- What was NOW?
- What did the NOW Bill of Rights call for in 1967?
- What did NOW do at the 1968 Miss America competition?
- Why was the Roe v Wade case so significant?
- What was the ERA?
- When was ERA passed by the Senate?
- Who was Phyllis Schlafly?
- What was STOP?
- How did Phyllis Schlafly stop the ERA?
The Watergate Break-in

- In what year did Nixon stand for re-election?
- What political party did he represent?
- What was CREEP?
- What was CREEP money used for?
- Who organised the secret fund?
- Where were five burglars caught on the night of the 17th June 1972?
- Who were the two reporters from the Washington Post?
- Who prevented the FBI from investigating?
- Under what President did the policy of recording conversations in the President’s office begin?
- Can you name at least two of the burglars?
- Who helped the burglars?
- Who else was part of the cover-up?
- What percentage of the vote did Nixon win with in 1972?
- What were the five most important events during the Watergate Trial?
- Why were the Watergate tapes so significant to the investigation?
- What shocked Americans the most about the incident?
- When and why did Nixon resign?
- Why did Nixon avoid trial?
- What was the short term effects of Watergate on US politics?
- What was the long term effects of Watergate on US politics?
- What new legislation was introduced after Watergate?