

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:

- Alger Hiss, J. Edgar Hoover, Whittaker Chambers, Julius & Ethel Rosenberg, Joseph McCarthy, Millard Tydings, Ed Murrow, General Zwicker, NAACP, CORE, SNCC, Linda Brown, Jim Crow, Orval Faubus, Elizabeth Eckford, James Meredith, Rosa Parks, Ralph Abernathy, Martin Luther King, SCLC, James Farmer, Bull Connor, Philip Randolph, Malcom X, John Lewis, Ku Klux Klan, Lyndon B. Johnson, James Earl Ray, Richard Nixon, Bobby Seale, Huey Newton, Stokely Carmichael, Black Panthers, Bob Dylan, SDS, Tom Hayden, Betty Friedan, Phyllis Schlafly, Eleanor Roosevelt, NOW, STOP, John Mitchell, Bob Woodward, Carl Bernstein, John Dean, John Ehrlichman, Bob Haldeman, Richard Kleindienst, Bernard Barker, Virigilio Gonzales, James W McCord, Eugenio Martinez, Frank Sturgis, CREEP, Howard Hunt, G Gordon Liddy

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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 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 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 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 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'?

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?

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?

Brown v. Topeka

- Which law of 1896 allowed for segregated schools?
- What did Linda and Oliver Brown want for her daughter?
- How did the NAACP 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?

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'?

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?

Role of Women in the 1950s and early 1960s

- What were women traditionally 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?

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 1960?
- 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?

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?

