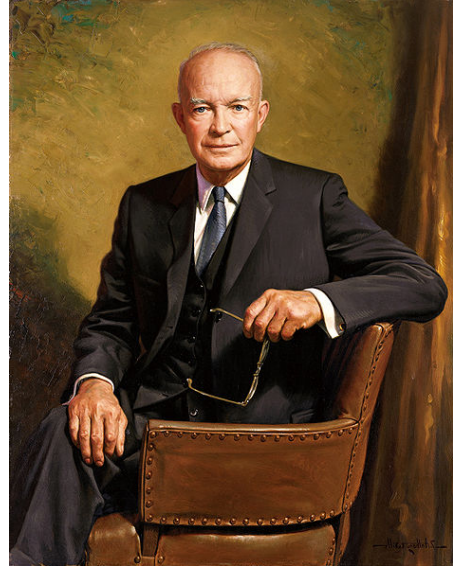


Transition Materials for A Level History: 2Q American Dream: reality and illusion – 1945 to 1980.



Reading List

Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck • Grapes of Wrath, John Steinbeck • <i>Once Two Heroes</i>, Calvin Baker (2003) • <i>The Things We Cherished</i>, Pam Jenoff (2011) • <i>The Listener</i>, Shira Nayman (2009) • <i>The Spy Who Came in from the Cold</i>, John Le Carre (2010)
Non-Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Russia, America and the Cold War: 1949-1991</i> (2nd edition), Martin McCauley (2008) • <i>Cold War: For Forty-Five Years the World Held its Breath</i>, J. Isaacs and T. Downing (2008) • <i>Five Presidents: My Extraordinary Journey with Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Ford</i>, C. Hill and L. McCubbin (2016) • <i>John F. Kennedy: An Unfinished Life 1917-63</i>, Robert Dallek (2013)
Films	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vietnam War: a film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick (Netflix) • Platoon (Netflix) • Full Metal Jacket (on a number of platforms but not free) • Who Killed Malcolm X? (Netflix) • Malcom X (Prime) • 13th (Netflix) • Selma (Film, should be able to find it online) • The Freedom Riders (YouTube) • JFK (Disney +) • Till (Prime) • Thirteen days (Prime)
Documentaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crash Course US History (found on You Tube): https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMwmepBjTSG593eG7ObzO7s • Eyes on the Prize - A worthy documentary about the civil rights movement. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ts10IVzUDVw • The Century: America's Time (found on You Tube): A three-part series of programmes about the USA over the 20th century. Part 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RN7ftyZigYs Part 2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWg2xghlbnc Part 3: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPP0ae2zrXY • BBC Storyville 'Ronald Reagan' - A comprehensive documentary about the Regan era— a biographical look at Reagan, but also explores the historians' debate about his presidency (only need his election win). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDf7_YXF_So • Turning point- the bomb and the Cold War - On Netflix
Websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.datesandevents.org/events-timelines/03-cold-war-timeline.htm • http://faculty.washington.edu/qtaylor/a_us_history/cold_war_timeline.htm • https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Presidents_of_the_United_States • http://www.ipl.org/div/potus/ • https://www.whitehouse.gov/1600/Presidents

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/modern-world-history-1918-to-1980/the-cold-war/what-was-the-cold-war/ • http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/coldwar/ • http://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/cold-war-history • http://www.britannica.com/event/Cold-War • http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/documents/1951-/martin-luther-kings-i-have-a-dream-speech-august-28-1963.php • http://www.presentationmagazine.com/analysis-of-martin-luther-kings-i-have-a-dream-speech-8059.htm • http://changingminds.org/analysis/i_have_a_dream.htm • Full 20 minute version of Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I47Y6VHc3Ms
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Independent Research Tasks

Task 1... Create a mind-map to explain the key features of the USA's system of government.

You should consider:

- The role and power of the President (the executive)
- The role and power of Congress (the legislative)
- The role and power of the Supreme Court (the judiciary)
- The role and power of individual states (federalism)

Task 2... Consider any one president of the USA between 1945 and 1980. To what extent do you approve of his record whilst President? Create a chart/table to organise your research. Should be done as a table, with two headings (I approve, I disapprove) to organise your evidence.

Required Knowledge and Skills

- Find and file a map of the United States of America. Ensure that it shows the divide between northern and southern states.
- Analyse the American Constitution; what are its strengths and weaknesses?
- Create a timeline outlining the events of the Cold War.
- Use the following website to create a timeline of American presidential elections: www.270towin.com. Add details of what the key issues were during each election and what you find interesting about the election outcomes.
- Research and ensure that you understand the difference between social, economic, political, religious and international history. Create a reference sheet for future use.
- Research and ensure that you understand the differences between Capitalism and Communism. Create a reference sheet for future use.
- Complete the glossary of key terms on the next page.

Key Term Glossary:

Constitution	
Bill of Rights	
Executive	
Congress	
Supreme Court	
House of Representatives	
Senate	
Impeach	
Intransigence	
Convention	
Great Migration	
Executive Order	
Social mobility	
'Iron Curtain'	
USSR/ Soviet Union	
Containment	
Isolationist	
Brinkmanship	
Inflation	
Baby Boom	
States' rights	
State of the Union Address	
Lynching	
HUAC	
McCarthyism	
Appeasement	
De jure/ De facto segregation	
Ghettoisation	

The World is Out There...

- Check your local museums and visit one that outlines military history. Look, in particular, for WW2, The Korean War, The Vietnam War. The best museum to visit will be The Imperial War Museum, London or Duxford. The American WW2 cemetery is in Cambridge.
- Watch an American news channel to familiarise yourself with American vocabulary and current affairs. Look closely for news items associated with the upcoming election.
- Buy an American newspaper to familiarise yourself with American vocabulary and current affairs. Look closely for news items associated with the upcoming election.
- Use YouTube to watch documentaries on American history from 1945-80.
- Watch *Mississippi Burning* and/ or *To Kill a Mockingbird*.
- Read any of the fiction novels listed on the reading list earlier in this document.
- If you are local to London, visit the O2 exhibition on Muhammad Ali. It is there until August.
- To develop your understanding of the geography of America, watch Stephen Fry's documentary 'Stephen Fry in America'. Episode 1 can be found on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yO6BgrnXcA>