

History

Exam board: AQA

Link to specification:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse/history-8145/specification>

2026-27 Y11 Mock Exams

Title and length of paper(s):

- Paper 1 Asia 1950-1975 (1 hour)
- Paper 2 USA (1 hour)

Style(s) of question:

Asia will have 4 questions. Q1 will be an interpretation of an event which asks you to explain why it supports or opposes something. Q2 will ask you to explain how useful two sources are about an event by looking at the content and the origin of the sources. Q3 will be to explain two things about an event whilst Q4 will ask you to explain two or three factors and link them in an extended answer.

USA will have 6 questions. Q1-3 are based on two interpretations of an aspect of US history. Q4 will ask you to describe two features of an event, Q5 will ask for an explanation of an event and Q6 will give you two bullet points and ask you to explain the impact each had on an event or group.

Knowledge to be assessed	Revision resources
Asia • The Korean War (Causes, Events, Winners and Losers) America • Whole course • 1920s boom (causes, who did and did not benefit) • 1920s social change (Women, Blacks Prohibition, Red Scare) • Wall Street Crash and Great Depression (Causes and social, political and economic impact) • New Deal (aims, Acts and agencies, successes and failures and opposition) • WWII and the social and economic impact • Post War consumerism and McCarthyism • Civil Rights/ Black Nationalism and Feminism • JFK's New Frontier and LBJ's Great Society	Knowledge organisers, work booklets, GCSE Bitesize, Brainscape cards, exam question booklets with past paper questions. Quiz yourself on Educake https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z22fvmx USA revision https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkfnrmn#z8yscx5 Korea Revision Quizlet: https://quizlet.com/gb/content/aqa-gcse-history-conflict-asia-flashcards