



AMERICAN HISTORY (US)

0409/02

Paper 2 Defining Moments

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Insert

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional paper ask the test administrator for a continuation booklet.

This paper has two sections. Answer **all** the questions in **one** section:

Section A: Native Americans, West of the Mississippi, 1840–1890 (pages 2–3)

OR

Section B: The Presidency of Harry S. Truman, 1945–1953: Domestic and Foreign Policy (pages 4–5)

Each section has two parts, Part A and Part B. You are advised to spend 1 hour answering Part A and 30 minutes answering Part B. The time allowed for the examination includes sufficient time to read all the sources and the questions for **one** section.

The number of points is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **5** printed pages, **3** blank pages, and **2** inserts.

Section A: Native Americans, West of the Mississippi, 1840–1890

Study the Background Information below and then answer **all** the questions. Use your knowledge to help you interpret and evaluate the sources, as appropriate.

Background Information

Increasing numbers of people settled west of the Mississippi. They regarded Native Americans as an obstacle. In order to realize the ambitions of the settlers for land and wealth, Native Americans were restricted to particular areas. Individuals and government used a variety of methods to gain control over Native Americans.

Part A: White Control of Native Americans

You are advised to spend 1 hour in answering Questions 1 to 4.

1. Study Source A.

What reasons does the writer give for the slaughter of the buffalo? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [6]

2. Study Source B.

Should treaties, such as the first Treaty of Fort Laramie (1851), be regarded as a triumph for Native Americans? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

3. Study Source C.

How realistic is this painting in its depiction of the use of force by the U.S. Army against Native Americans? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

4. Study Sources D and E.

To what extent did the Dawes Act improve the conditions of Native Americans? Explain your answer using details from the sources **and** your knowledge. [10]

Part B: Wounded Knee

You are advised to spend 30 minutes on your answer.

5. Study Sources F and G.

“It was only at Wounded Knee, in 1890, that Native Americans lost hope in their struggle with the white man.” How far do you agree? Use the sources **and** your knowledge to explain your answer.

In addition to Sources F and G, you may use any of Sources A to E to help you answer this question. [15]

[Total: 45]

**Section B: The Presidency of Harry S. Truman, 1945–1953:
Domestic and Foreign Policy**

Study the Background Information below and then answer **all** the questions. Use your knowledge to help you interpret and evaluate the sources, as appropriate.

Background Information

During Truman’s presidency, communism was regarded as a major challenge to the U.S. at home and abroad. Many Americans were subject to investigation, and measures were adopted to check communist activities in the U.S. Also, the U.S. took steps to check the power and influence of the U.S.S.R. and China.

Part A: The Threat of Communism

You are advised to spend 1 hour in answering Questions 6 to 9.

6. Study Source H.

What was the cartoonist’s view of communist Russia (U.S.S.R.)? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [6]

7. Study Source I.

What are the strengths and limitations of this photograph as evidence about the House Un-American Activities Committee? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

8. Study Source J.

How useful is this statement as evidence about politicians’ views on the communist threat? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

9. Study Sources K and L.

How far do these sources agree about the attitudes of anti-communists? Explain your answer using details from the sources **and** your knowledge. [10]

Part B: Containment

You are advised to spend 30 minutes on your answer.

10. Study Sources M and N.

“The defense of freedom was the main aim of the foreign policy of the United States in the period from 1945 to 1953.” How far do you agree? Use the sources **and** your knowledge to explain your answer.

In addition to Sources M and N, you may use any of Sources H to L to help you answer this question. [15]

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