

Paper 2 themes and subthemes

Civil War and Reconstruction 1861-1877

Why did the Civil War last for four years?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The military strategies of the two sides➤ The leadership of the two sides
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The political aims of the two sides➤ The resources available to the two sides
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How great was the immediate impact of the Civil War?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Limitations on civil liberties during the war➤ The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863➤ Life in the Confederate States➤ Democratic politics; North and South
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What were the aims and outcomes of Reconstruction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Presidential Reconstruction➤ Radical Reconstruction➤ Constitutional Amendments 13,14, and 15
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How successful was Reconstruction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The changing practice of Reconstruction➤ The changing position of ex-slaves➤ The responses of the White South➤ The Compromise of 1877
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The Gilded Age and the Progressive Era 1870-1920

Why were the 1870s and 1880s decades of rapid industrialization?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The growth of trusts and corporations➤ Technological innovations
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The growth of the railways ➤ Trade policies, e.g. tariffs
<p>How great were the economic and social consequences of rapid industrialization in the late nineteenth century?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New immigration ➤ Economic growth and recessions ➤ The realities of urbanization ➤ The farming crisis
<p>What were the main aims of the Progressive Movement in the 1890s and 1900s?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Limits on party machines and bosses ➤ Prohibition ➤ Female emancipation ➤ Regulation of private corporations
<p>How successful was the Progressive Movement?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The career of Theodore Roosevelt ➤ Constitutional Reforms ➤ The presidency of Woodrow Wilson