

American Option: The Origins of the Civil War, 1846–1861

Key Questions	Key Content
How and why did the outcomes of the war with Mexico 1846–48 add to sectional difficulties?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Missouri Compromise, 1820 • The Wilmot Proviso, 1846 • The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, 1848 • The Compromise of 1850
Why did the Compromise of 1850 break down so quickly?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing the Fugitive Slave Act • Implementing the Kansas-Nebraska Act • <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> • The formation of the Republican party
Why did the Republicans win the 1860 presidential election?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Dred Scott</i> judgement • The Lincoln-Douglas debates • John Brown and Harper's Ferry • The election campaign of 1860
Why did the Civil War begin in April 1861?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The results of the 1860 presidential election • The secession of the southern states • The leadership of Lincoln • The leadership of Jefferson Davis

International Option: The Search for International Peace and Security, 1919–1945

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What were the origins and aims of the League of Nations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of US President Wilson • Cecil (UK), Smuts (South Africa), Bourgeois (France) and Hymans (Belgium) • Peacekeeping, collective security and international co-operation
How was the League of Nations organised?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons why the USA, Russia and Germany were not involved • The General Assembly and The Council • Permanent Court of International Justice, The Secretariat, Commissions and Committees
What were the successes and failures of the League of Nations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successes – organisations for labour, refugees, health; Mandates Commission; minor political disputes • Failures – Disarmament Commission; major political disputes (e.g. Manchuria, Abyssinia) • Reasons for the League's failure to preserve peace
What were the origins and aims of the United Nations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of US President Roosevelt • The San Francisco Conference and the Charter • Similarities and differences between the United Nations and the League of Nations