



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## History

## HIS1M

Unit 1M USA, 1890–1945

Thursday 14 January 2010 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 15 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS1M.
- Answer **two** questions.

**Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- There are 36 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period. In particular you should:
  - refer to relevant historical information
  - show an understanding of change and continuity
  - show a knowledge of historical interpretations.

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- 1 (a) Explain why the USA declared war on Spain in 1898. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How far was the foreign policy of the USA isolationist in the years 1900 to 1920? *(24 marks)*
- 2 (a) Explain why membership of the Ku Klux Klan grew in the years 1919 to 1925. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How far was the economic boom in the years 1919 to 1929 due to immigration to the USA? *(24 marks)*
- 3 (a) Why did the use of the atomic bomb in 1945 strengthen the USA's position as a world power? *(12 marks)*
- (b) How important was President Franklin Roosevelt to the development of the USA as a world power in the years 1933 to 1945? *(24 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**