

US History and Government Regents Exam Essay Questions

2014	January	Thematic	Geography – Territorial Acquisition (circumstances and effects)
		DBQ	Compare Wilson and FDR war policies (entry, civil liberties, role of US in world)
	June	Thematic	Supreme Court Decisions- historical circumstances, decision, and impact
		DBQ	Social Conditions in the 1960s-writers influence (MLK, Rachel Carson, & Betty Friedan)
August	Thematic	Technology- Change and positive/ negative effects	
	DBQ	Foreign Policy & Conflict-Korean War, Vietnam War, and Persian Gulf	
2013	January	Thematic	Congressional Legislation – circumstances and impact
		DBQ	Korean War, Montgomery Bus Boycott, Sputnik – circumstances and effect
	June	Thematic	Foreign Policy/Protecting National Interests – circumstances and success of policy
		DBQ	Dred Scott, Plessy v. Ferguson, Brown v. BOE – circumstances and impact
August	Thematic	Foreign Policy (Cold War) –US limiting Communism – circumstances and success	
	DBQ	Ratification of Const., Purchase of Louisiana, Expansion of slaver – for and against?	
2012	January	Thematic	Supreme Court Decisions - Impact
		DBQ	Sectionalism 1800-1860
	June	Thematic	Foreign Policy - Impact
		DBQ	Reform Movements: Abolition, Labor, Woman’s Suffrage
August	Thematic	Industrialization Reform Movements: government/group solution and effectiveness	
	DBQ	Espionage Act, Exec. Order 9066, Patriot Act – support and opposition	
2011	January	Thematic	Diversity (Constitutional Rights) – 2 supreme court cases – limit or expand rights?
		DBQ	Foreign policy of JFK, Nixon, Reagan during the Cold War
	June	Thematic	Amendments (pick 2 – explain circumstances and change)
		DBQ	Differences & similarities between 1920s and 1930s
August	Thematic	Geography – Events and Impact	
	DBQ	Expansion of Democracy	
2010	January	Thematic	Writing as a means of reform
		DBQ	Influence of water
	June	Thematic	Impact of technology
		DBQ	Reform movements
August	Thematic	Identify two presidential actions – circumstances & impact	
	DBQ	Geography – discuss positive and/or negative effects on development of US	
2009	January	Thematic	Movements of people/migrations
		DBQ	Warren Court rulings
	June	Thematic	Constitutional principles and individual rights
		DBQ	Industrialization between Civil War and WWI
August	Thematic	Government – US Supreme Court Decisions	
	DBQ	Evaluate leadership of Washington, Lincoln, & FDR	
2008	January	Thematic	Groups affected by US involvement in war
		DBQ	Social/political/economic problems addressed by reformers
	June	Thematic	2 individuals who brought about change (not presidents)
		DBQ	Circumstances and impacts of civil crises (Civil War, Bonus March, Little Rock)
August	Thematic	Government role in economy	
	DBQ	Political, social, economic impact of automobile	
2007	January	Thematic	Influence of geography on government issues
		DBQ	US involvement in Vietnam during Cold War
	June	Thematic	Industrialization
		DBQ	Women’s Suffrage contrasting with Civil Rights movement
August	Thematic	Individuals addressing societal problems	
	DBQ	Economic growth due to government and technology	

2006	January	Thematic	Actions of individuals and groups on controversial issues
		DBQ	Influence of geo. on expansion and protection of US interests (19 th and 20 th c.)
	June	Thematic	Turning points
		DBQ	Role of mass media since 1900
August	Thematic	Two migrations of peoples	
	DBQ	Effects of the threat of communism on the United States 1940-1965	
2005	January	Thematic	Foreign policy and results
		DBQ	Reform movements
	June	Thematic	Reform movements
		DBQ	Interwar isolation
	August	Thematic	Cold War/conflict
DBQ		Problems of the Great Depression	
2004	January	Thematic	Amendments to the Constitution
		DBQ	Educational opportunities and reform (actions of government)
	June	Thematic	What actions taken by the government have been influenced by geography
		DBQ	Results of the Civil War and Reconstruction
	August	Thematic	Reform movements
DBQ		How government promoted Westward Expansion	
2003	January	Thematic	Constitutional Principles: Supreme Court
		DBQ	Cold War at Home
	June	Thematic	Social Change
		DBQ	Railroad Construction in the 1800s
	August	Thematic	Foreign Policy and National Interest
DBQ		Civil Rights of African Americans and Women after 1900	