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Year 13 Revision Schedule 2026

Subject/Course:	<i>History Edexcel A Level</i>
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Topic	Key knowledge/skills/questions	R	A	G	Revised	Resources/activities/links
Paper 1- USA Topic 1: The Changing Political Environment	Topic 1: The Changing Political Environment • System of Government • Impact of the First World War • Hoover's actions during the Depression • Roosevelt's actions during the Depression • The Second Red Scare • The impact of the Korean and Vietnam War • American reaction to government policies Reasons for the decline in government confidence 1961-80					<u>Theme 1: The changing political environment</u> • Were Republican ideas the main reason for the fact that there was a Republican president and a Republican majority in Congress in the years 1921-31? • How far do you agree that the economic stability of the 1920s was caused by Republican policies? • How far do you agree that it was ineffective policies that caused a loss in confidence in the Republican party in the 1930s? • How far do you agree that the personality of the President was the most significant factor in the changes in the presidency in the years 1917-80? • To what extent were the style and actions of the president responsible for the changes in levels of public confidence in government in the years 1929-80?

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Topic 2: The Quest for Civil Rights					How far do you agree that the mishandling of events was the most important factor which caused a lack of trust within government 1968-80?
	Topic 2: The Quest for Civil Rights - Life in the South - Impact of migration to the north - The impact of the New Deal, WW2 and the Truman Presidency - Legal Action to direct action - Changing patterns of the civil rights movement - The impact of Martin Luther King - The impact of black power - The impact of civil rights legislation - The impact of minority rights				Theme 2: The quest for Civil rights, 1917-80 - How far do you agree that the impact of the Northern migration (1917-32) can only be considered in terms of the migrants themselves and the cities they moved to? - How far had legal action advanced the position of black Americans between 1917 and 1955? - Was the shift of tactics by the civil rights movement in the 1940s and 1950s the main reason for the passing of the Civil Rights Act in 1964? - Was the growth of the media the main reason for the increasing sympathy for the civil rights movement in the early 1960s? - To what extent did Hispanic Americans draw on the tactics and resources of black Americans in their struggle for civil rights?

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Topic 3: Society and Culture in Change	• Impact of the Roaring 20s, Great Depression and New Deal in women • Impact of WW2 and suburban life • Emergence of the women's liberation movement • The gains and limitations of the women's liberation movement • The nature of, and response to immigration in the 1920s • The impact of international events on immigration • The impact of cinema, popular music and radio • The social impact of television from the 1950s • The influence of broadcast news					<u>Theme 3: Society and culture in change, 1917-80?</u> • To what extent was the US involvement in international disputes responsible for improvements in the position of women in the years 1945-60? • How far do you agree that women had made significant gains in their fight for equality by 1980? • How far were key individuals responsible for the growth of the women's movement? • To what extent did the status of women (you could substitute Native/Black/Hispanic) change between 1955-1979? • How far do you agree that the number of immigrants entering the country was the most significant factor in public reactions to immigration between 1917 and 1980? • To what extent do you believe that the threat of communism was the main reason for why immigration quotas were introduced in the USA in the 1920s? • How far do you believe that the development of broadcast news (1920-80) was the most significant factor in influencing public opinion towards government?
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Topic 4: The changing quality of life	• Post war depression • Boom of the 1920s • The Wall Street Crash • The Great Depression • Post war affluence after the Second World War • The economic challenges of the 1960s-70s • Changes in the standard of living, 1917-41 • The growth of the consumer society, 1941-60 • Anti-poverty policies 1961-80 • Changes in leisure and travel • The impact of the car owning culture • The impact of increased air travel				<u>Theme 4: The Changing Quality of Life, 1917-80?</u> • How significant was the growth of credit in the USA in the 1920s in producing the Great Depression during the 1930s? • How far did the First New Deal successfully address the effects of the Depression? • How far does the economic effect of the Second World War explain the USA's prosperity in the 1950s? • How far did the need for affordable housing lead to the development of suburbs in the post-war period? • Was the lack of government action the main reason for why there were economic challenges during the 1970s? • How far do you believe that the growth of the television created a consumer society between 1941-60? • In the 1920s, was the main effect of the economic boom on US society the development of the car owning culture?

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						• 'The most important cause of the Wall Street Crash was easy credit'. How far do you agree with this statement?
The impact of the Reagan Presidency	• Reagan's beliefs • The development of Reaganomics • Impact of Reagan's economic policies • Interpretations of Reagan's economic policies • The impact of 'Big Government' • The effect of Reagan's policies on welfare provision • The effect of Reagan's policies on minority groups The impact of Reagan on the presidency and US politics					
Paper 2 South Africa	Introduction and background content					
Topic 1: Response to apartheid	• Race • Segregation and discrimination • Urbanisation, industrialisation and township life • Rural society					<u>South Africa, 1948-94: From Apartheid State to 'Rainbow Nation' – Possible 20 mark questions</u> <u>Topic 1 – the response to apartheid, c1948-59</u>

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	- Afrikaner culture and politics - The influence of Britain					- How accurate is it to say that race was already a key issue before the 1948 election? - How accurate is it to say that the failure of the liberal party to attract white support was the main reason the National Party won the 1948 election? - How accurate is it to say that the apartheid laws of the 1950s were based on the National Party policy of separate development? - How accurate is it to say that the pass laws were the main area of opposition to apartheid in the 1950s? - How accurate is it to say that lack of investment was the main cause of the failure of the Bantustan policy? - How accurate is it to say that the Treason Trial weakened anti-apartheid opposition movements? - How accurate is it to say that the ANC were the only effective opposition to apartheid in the 1950s? - How accurate is it to say that the Defiance Campaign was successful? - How accurate is it to say that opposition to apartheid in the years 1948-59 was largely unsuccessful?
	Reasons for National Party victory in 1948 - Growth of Afrikaner nationalism - International context - The impact of World War Two - Dislike of the British - Religious Institutions and Beliefs - National Party Policies - United Party's Liberal Policies					
	How the National Party strengthened its positions					
	Laws and Implementation of Apartheid: - Bantu Authorities Act - Promotion of Bantu Self-Government Act - Mixed Marriage Act - Immorality Act - Population Registration Act - Reservation of Separate Amenities Act - Native Abolition of Passes Act - Urban Areas Act - Bantu Education Act					

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	Extension of University Education Act					
	Group Area Acts: • Sophiatown • Durban • District 6					
	The Tomlinson Report and Betterment Opposition to the National Party in 1948 Revival of The African National Congress (ANC) and the Youth League The Defiance Campaign (Case Study East London) Rural Resistance (Case Study Sekhushuneland) The Freedom Charter The Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC) The Treason Trial					
Topic Two: The Radicalisation of Resistance and the consolidation	ANC and PAC split					
	• Reasons for the split • Methods adopted (peaceful protests) Similarities and differences/tensions between the ANC and PAC					
						<u>Topic 2 – Radicalisation of resistance and the consolidation of National Party power, 1960-68</u>

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of National Party power, 1960-1968	Causes of Sharpeville protests Events of Sharpeville Massacre (different accounts/interpretations) Impact of Sharpeville Massacre: • International Reaction • Further Protests • State of Emergency • Unlawful Organization Act (banning of political parties)					• How accurate is it to say that the Sharpeville Massacre weakened the anti-apartheid movement? • How accurate is it to say that the anti-apartheid protests of the 1960s served only to strengthen the determination of the authorities to enforce apartheid? • How accurate is it to say that South Africa becoming a republic strengthened the National Party's power? • How accurate is it to say that British and Western concerns were the main reason for the failure of international condemnation of South Africa in the 1960s? • How accurate is it to say that the Rivonia Trial was a political opportunity for the ANC? • How accurate is it to say that the adoption of armed struggle was the most significant action taken by ANC in the 1960s? • How accurate is it to say that the AAM saw more success than the PAC and ANC in the 1960s? • How accurate is it to say that the AAN was successful in the 1960s?
	Protests in Cape Town					
	Protests in Mpondoland					
	Reasons South Africa became a Republic • Growing calls for a Republic in South Africa (referendum etc.) • Macmillan's Winds of Change Speech • The role of Britain and the context of the Cold War • Britain's policy of decolonization					
	Formation of a Republic and leaving the Commonwealth					
	International Relations after leaving the Commonwealth					

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	Decision to use Armed Resistance					- How accurate is it to say that the most effective international protest to apartheid was based on sport in this period? - How accurate is it to say that the lives of ordinary Africans improved in the 1960s? - How accurate is it to say that the economy recovered in the 1960s? 'The increasing use of violence by anti-apartheid groups in South Africa, in the years 1960–68, was a reaction to the use of repression by the government.' How far do you agree with this statement?
	The ANC and uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) - Leader - Support Protests and methods					
	The PAC and Poqo - Leaders support - Beliefs - Support Protests and methods					
	The Rivonia Trial - Events - Significance					
	The impact of exile and imprisonment on the ANC and PAC - The ANC in exile - The Anti-apartheid movement (AAM) E. S. Reddy - Boycotts - Sport					
	Economic Recovery - Domestic Recovery - International investment					

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	Changing role of Women					
	Development of the Bantustans					
	Diplomatic Ties					
	Vorster's use of police powers					
Topic 3: Redefining resistance and challenges to National Party Power	Black Consciousness - What is Black Consciousness - Steve Biko and SASO - Death of Steve Biko and impact					<u>Topic 3 – Redefining resistance and challenges to National Party power, 1968-83</u> - How accurate is it to say that Black Consciousness was similar to Africanism? - How accurate is it to say the Black Consciousness was the main form of opposition to apartheid in the 1970s? - How accurate is it to say that the Soweto Uprising threatened the National Party? - How accurate is it to say that domestic threats to the National Party were greater than international threats in the 1970s? - How accurate is it to say that opposition to apartheid was the greatest threat to National Party power in the 1970s? - How accurate is it to say that social and economic problems were the greatest threat to the National Party power in the 1970s?
	Soweto Uprising - Mobilisation of School Children - Causes of Uprising - Events of Uprising - Impact of Uprising					
	The ANC in exile - Difficulties faced - Internal reorganisation - New strategy - Role of Liver Tambo					
	The global anti-apartheid movements - Sporting Boycotts - Economic Boycotts					

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	Political Prisoners					- How accurate is it to say that population pressures were the greatest threat to the National Party in the 1970s? - How accurate is it to say that the ANC made little progress in the 1970s? - How accurate is it to say that sporting boycotts were more successful than economic boycotts in the 1970s? - How accurate is it to say that there was no significant opposition within South Africa to the National Party in the late 1970s? - How accurate is it to say that there was no effective white opposition to apartheid in the 1970s? - How accurate is it to say that the Bantustan policy provided benefits to black South Africans? - How accurate is it to say that Botha's reforms improved the life of black South Africans? - How accurate is it to say that Botha's reforms marked a move away from strict apartheid for the National Party?
	Opposition to the National Party within South Africa - Trade Unions - The ANC Liberal opposition - the United Party, the Progressive Party, the Progressive Federal Party					
	Issues in the Bantustans					
	Divisions and scandal in the National Party - Verkramppte and verligte - The Information Scandal					
	Economic and social pressures - The Oil Crisis - Population Changes - Farming issues - Factories					
	Botha's Reforms - The economy - The constitution					
	Political changes and threats in southern Africa Mozambique					

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	- Angola and Namibia - Zimbabwe - Defence Expenditure					- How accurate is it to say that the position of South Africa was threatened by events in Southern Africa in the 1970s? - How significant was the role played by leading individuals in challenging the apartheid policies of the National Party in the years 1968–83?
	International Condemnation Economic sanctions					
Topic 4: The end of apartheid and the creation of the 'rainbow nation', 1984-94	Why did the townships revolts in the years 1984-87? - Causes of township revolts - The UDF and grassroots organisations - Protest strategies - Alexandra - Rural rebellion Government suppression					<u>Topic 4 – The end of apartheid and the creation of the 'rainbow nation', 1984-1994</u> - How accurate is it to say the National Party's policy towards protest changed in the years 1984-89? - How accurate is it to say that opposition to apartheid radicalised in the 1980s? - How accurate is it to say that international pressure was the main driving force behind the ending of apartheid?
	Why did the National Party decide to begin negotiations in the years 1985-89? - Botha's reforms and 'total strategy' - Failure of total strategy - Reasons for Botha's decision to negotiation					

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	• Economic problems • International pressure/isolation The effect of state of emergency					
	To what extent did political negotiations end in compromise? • De Klerk's new course • Mandela and the significance of his release • The unbanning of political parties • The impact of unrest and violence • Negotiations and dismantling apartheid • CODESA 1991					
	To what extent did the new political settlement reached in the years 1992-94 create a fully democratic country? • CODESA negotiations • Nationalist divisions • Violence and popular mobilisation					

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	• Constitutional agreements and elections • The Government of National Unity • International recognition					
Paper 3: Britain						
Breadth 1: Reform of Parliament, c1780-1928	How effective were pressures for change to the franchise in the years c1780-1928 • Problems with the electoral system • Pressures for change • Reasons for resistance to change • Representation of the People Act 1832 (including its impact) • Representation of the People Act 1867 (including its impact) • Representation of the People Act 1884 (including its impact) • Representation of the People Act 1918 (including its impact) • Representation of the People Act 1928 (including its impact)					Breadth Essay Questions <u>Topic 1 – Reform of Parliament, c1780-1928</u> • To what extent was reform of franchise in the years 1832-1928 influenced by extra-parliamentary pressure? • ‘Redistribution of seats was carried out mainly to reflect changes in Britain’s economic landscape.’ How far do you agree with this opinion on parliamentary redistribution in the years 1780-1918? • How far do you agree that the passing of the 1832 Representation of the People Act was the key turning point in the development of parliamentary democracy in the years 1819–1928? • How far do you agree that the reform of parliamentary representation was driven by

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	How significant were changes in the distribution of seats in the years c1780-1918? • Problems of representation c1780 • The failure of Pitt's proposals • Reasons for changes • Key changes to distribution of seats • Representation of the People Act 1832 (including its impact on seats) • Representation of the People Act 1867 (including its impact on seats) • Ballot Act 1872 • Corrupt Practices Act 1883 • Redistribution Act 1885 Representation of the People Act 1918 (including its impact on seats)					pressure, in the years 1815–1928, from those excluded from the franchise?
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