

## USA TOPIC 1 REVISION CHECKLIST:

Ensure you know the answer to the following questions. Use them to make revision cards:

Questions:			
1. Why did Americans believe entry into WW1 was a mistake?			
2. What was meant by a return to 'normalcy'?			
3. Give three examples of Harding's isolationist policies			
a. Economic (2)			
b. Immigration			
4. Describe the Republican ideal of <i>laissez-faire</i>			
5. How did <i>laissez-faire</i> help create the boom period of the 1920s?			
6. How did events in Russia in 1917 help create the Red Scare in the USA?			
7. Give three examples of how the Red Scare manifested itself in 1919-20			
8. What was 'rugged individualism'?			
9. How did rugged individualism manifest itself in US politics?			
10. Give three measures that Hoover took to try and solve the Depression, and explain their success/failure			
11. Why was Hoover blamed for the worsening of the Depression?			
12. Describe the key events in the Bonus Army march, and how it was dealt with			
13. Why was Hoover unpopular with Republicans (as well as Democrats)?			
14. In what ways did Roosevelt offer an alternative to Hoover?			
15. How was New Deal thinking different to rugged individualism?			
16. Give three examples of alphabet agencies and how they tried to help improve society and the economy			
17. How did Roosevelt's use of fireside chats help improve the image of the presidency?			
18. Who disliked Roosevelt and why?			
19. Give three examples of Roosevelt's legacy (positive or negative)			
20. How did Roosevelt prepare the USA for war (WW2)?			
21. Why did the USA enter WW2 in December 1941?			
22. How did the USA benefit economically from the war?			
23. What formed the basis of the Second Red Scare?			
24. Who were Alger Hiss and the Rosenbergs, and what happened to them?			

<p>25. Why was Truman criticised for his reaction to events in China?</p> <p>26. Give three examples of McCarthy's tactics to uncover potential communists in the government and society as a whole</p> <p>27. How did the Second Red Scare lead to an infringement of civil liberties?</p> <p>28. How did Kennedy refer to the idea of 'liberalism'?</p> <p>29. What was positive discrimination and which minorities did it aim to focus on?</p> <p>30. Give three examples of hippies' ideas and actions</p> <p>31. Give three examples of the SDS's ideas and actions</p> <p>32. Why did many older Americans reject the counter-culture of liberalism?</p> <p>33. How did the Cold War impact on US domestic policies? (nuclear defence, the arms race, and the armed services)</p> <p>34. How did the Cold War change the position of the US president?</p> <p>35. How did the Korean War highlight dissatisfaction with the Democrats and Truman?</p> <p>36. What role did the media play in the Korean War, and in particular, with regards to Truman?</p> <p>37. Describe the draft system used in the Vietnam War</p> <p>38. Who protested against the Vietnam War and why?</p> <p>39. What role did the media play in the Vietnam War?</p> <p>40. Why did the Vietnam War reflect badly on the presidents involved, particularly Johnson and Nixon? (give examples)</p> <p>41. Why did confidence in government decline from 1968-80? (include information about the media, scandals, mishandling of events, the White House administration, social factors and the presidents themselves)</p>			
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