

Document Based Questions from the AP U.S. HISTORY TEST, 1990-present

Year	DBQ
2013	Analyze the causes of growing opposition to slavery in the United States from 1776 to 1852. In your response, consider both underlying forces and specific events that contributed to the growing opposition.
2012	In the post-civil War United States, corporations grew significantly in number, size and influence. Analyze the impact of big business on the economy and politics and the responses of Americans to these changes. Confine your answer to the period 1870-1900.
2011	Analyze the international and domestic challenges the United States faced between 1968 and 1974, and evaluate how evaluate Richard Nixon’s administration responded to them.
2010	In what ways did ideas and values held by Puritans influence the political, social and economic development of the New England colonies from 1630 through the 1660s?
2009	From 1775 to 1830, many African Americans gained freedom from slavery, yet during the same period the institution of slavery expanded. Explain why BOTH of those changes took place. Analyze the ways that BOTH free African Americans and enslaved African Americans responded to the challenges confronting them.
2008	Analyze the ways in which the Vietnam War heightened social, political, and economic tensions in the United States. Focus your answer on the period 1964 to 1975.
2007	Analyze the ways in which technology, government policy, and economic conditions changed American agriculture in the period 1865 – 1900. In your answer be sure to evaluate farmers’ responses to these changes.
2006	Discuss the changing ideals of American womanhood between the American Revolution (1770s) and the outbreak of the Civil War. What factors fostered the emergence of “republican motherhood” and the “cult of domesticity”? Assess the extent to which these ideals influenced the lives on women during this period. In your answer be sure to consider issues of race and class.
2005	To what extent did the American Revolution fundamentally change American society? In your answer be sure to address the political, social and economic effects of the Revolution in the period from 1775-1800.
2004	In what ways did the French and Indian war (1754-63) alter the political, economic and ideological relations between Britain and its American colonies? Use the documents and your knowledge of the period 1740-1766 in constructing your response.
2003	Analyze the responses of Franklin D. Roosevelt’s administration to the problems of the Great Depression. How effective were these responses? How did they change the role of the federal government? Use the documents and your knowledge of the period 1929-1941 to construct your essay.

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2002	“Reform movements in the United States sought to expand democratic ideals.” Assess the validity of this statement with specific reference to the years 1825-1850. Use the following documents and your knowledge of the period 1825-1850 in constructing your response.
2001	What were the Cold War fears of the American people in the aftermath of the Second World War? How successfully did the administration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower address these fears Use the following documents and your knowledge of the period 1948-1961 in constructing your response.
2000	How successful was organized labor in improving the position of workers in the period from 1875-1900? Analyze the factors that contributed to the level of success achieved. Use the following documents and your knowledge of the period 1875-1900 in constructing your response.
1999	To what extent had the colonists developed a sense of their identity and unity as Americans by the eve of the Revolution? Use the following documents and your knowledge of the period 1750-1776 in constructing your response.
1998	With respect to the federal Constitution, the Jeffersonian Republicans are usually characterized as strict constructionists who were opposed to the broad construction of the Federalists. To what extent was the characterization of the two parties accurate during the presidencies of Jefferson and Madison ? In writing your response, use the following documents and your knowledge of the period 1801-1817..
1997	To what extent did economic and political developments as well as assumptions about the nature of women affect the position of American women during the period 1890-1925? Use the following documents and your knowledge of the period 1890-1925 in constructing your response.
1996	In what ways and to what extent did constitutional and social developments between 1860 and 1877 amount to a revolution? Use the following documents and your knowledge of the period 1860-1877 in constructing your response.
1995	Analyze the changes that occurred during the 1960s in the goals, strategies and support of the movement for African-American civil rights. Use the following documents and your knowledge of the 1960s to construct your response.
1994	To what extent was late nineteenth-century and early twentieth-century united States expansionism a continuation of past US expansionism and to what extent was it a departure? Use the following documents and your knowledge of US history to 1914 to construct your answer.
1993	Although New England and the Chesapeake region were both settled largely by the people of English origin, by 1700 the regions had evolved into two distinct societies. Why did this difference in the development occur? Use the documents and your knowledge of the colonial period from up to 1700 to develop your answer.

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1992	To what extent did the natural environment shape the development of the West beyond the Mississippi and the lives of those who lived and settled there? How important were other factors? Use both evidence from the documents and your knowledge of the period from, the 1840s through the 1890s to compose your answer.
1991	It was the strength of the opposition forces, both liberal and conservative, rather than the ineptitude and stubbornness of President Wilson that led to the Senate defeat of the Treaty of Versailles. Using the documents and your knowledge of the period 1917-1921, assess the validity of the statement.
1990	Jacksonian Democrats viewed themselves as the guardians of the United States Constitution, political democracy, individual liberty and equality of economic opportunity. In light of the following documents and your knowledge of the 1820s and 1830s, to what extent do you agree with the Jacksonians' view of themselves?