

U.S. History A

Paragraph Questions

The American Vision 2006

In addition to completing textbook assignments and class projects, you must answer one question from each chapter listed below. You may choose which questions you wish to answer, but you may not select more than 1 paragraph from any chapter. Each answer must be written in at least 5 complete sentences.

Chapter 1

-Describe the Articles of Confederation and explain why they were not successful.

Chapter 2

-Describe the causes and effects of the War with Mexico.
-Describe the confederacy's financial situation.

Chapter 3

-How did railroads help to settle the Great Plains?
-Summarize the ideas of Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Du Bois on how to solve discrimination against African Americans.

Chapter 4

-What did Puerto Rico's status as an "unincorporated territory" mean?

Chapter 5

-Describe the situation with patent medicines that led to the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act, and describe the protections the new law provided.
-Compare the personalities of Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft.

Chapter 6

-Describe to events that pushed the United States toward entering World War I.
-Describe Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points plan by summarizing the main purpose of the first five points, then the next eight points, and finally the fourteenth point.

Chapter 7

-Describe how the automobile played a role in encouraging the new morality of the 1920s.

Chapter 8

-Describe the factors that prevented farmers from sharing in the prosperity of the 1920s.

Chapter 9

-discuss three major causes of the great depression.

Chapter 10

-Describe Franklin D. Roosevelt's personality and approach to the nation's problems.

Sample Answers to Paragraph Questions

Below are additional essay questions and samples on how they can be answered. Use these samples as a guide when writing your answers.

Chapter 2

-Why did the English not try to colonize America for the next 80 years after John Cabot's arrival?

The English government had little money, and Cabot found no gold or other wealth. The English people had no compelling reason to migrate to America. Also, Spain had claimed America. At the time, Spain and England were allies. Any attempt to settle America would have upset the balance.

Chapter 14

-In what ways did the expansion of railroads spur America's industrial growth?

By linking the nation, railroads helped increase the size of markets, providing greater opportunities for many industries. Huge consumers themselves, the railroads also stimulated the economy by spending extraordinary amounts of money on steel, coal, and timber, among other needs.