

U.S. History B

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 11

- Describe fascism and the beliefs of its followers.
- Describe the "Miracle at Dunkirk" and Hitler's surprising order that helped make it possible.

Chapter 12

- Explain the purpose of the Doolittle Raid and the problems military planners had to resolve to make it successful.

Chapter 13

- In what ways did the Korean War mark a turning point in the Cold War?
- Explain the reasoning behind "massive retaliation" and "brinkmanship," and describe how Eisenhower used these concepts to help end the Korean War.

Chapter 14

- As president, Eisenhower had a conservative side and an activist side. Describe some of his programs and actions that reflected these two sides.

Chapter 15

- Compare presidential candidates Kennedy and Nixon.
- Describe the nature of United States involvement in Latin America before Kennedy took office, and the Response of the Latin Americans to this involvement.

Chapter 16

- Describe the ideas Dr. King expressed in his "letter from a Birmingham Jail."
- Describe three meanings that the term "black power" held for African Americans.

Chapter 17

- Describe the Vietcong's battle tactics and the ways that American troops tried to counter these tactics.

Chapter 18

- Describe counterculture fashions and their effect on the mainstream.

Chapter 19

- Describe the beliefs and activities typical of the New Age movement.

Chapter 20

- Describe five few developments in media news and entertainment that occurred in the 1980s.

Chapter 21

- Why was President Clinton impeached, and what was the outcome?

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.