

## READING LIST FOR HISTORY A-LEVEL PAPER ONE USA 1865 – 1975

For the AQA Unit 1K: The Making of a Superpower: USA, 1865-1975, a good reading list should include resources that cover the key themes of governance, economy, society, foreign policy, and the role of individuals and groups. Focus on books and materials that address the changes, continuities, causes, and consequences of events within this period.

Here are some suggested resources:

Textbooks and Course Books:

- **"AQA A-level History: The Making of a Superpower: USA 1865-1975" by Steve Waugh, John Wright, and Peter Clements:**

This book is specifically designed for the AQA specification and covers the key topics and themes.

- **"Oxford AQA History: A Level and AS Component 1: The Making of a Superpower: USA 1865-1975" by Sally Waller:**

This book is also matched to the AQA specification and focuses on skills development and exam practice.

- **"A/AS Level History for AQA The Making of a Superpower: USA, 1865-1975":**

This book provides background information, critical thinking exercises, and links to different historical themes.

- **"My Revision Notes: AQA AS/A-level History: The making of a Superpower: USA 1865-1975":**

This book offers revision support and exam-style questions.

Other Useful Resources:

- **"Race Relations in the USA 1863-1980" by Sanders:**

This book provides relevant background on race relations which is a key theme within the period.

- **"The Limits of Liberty 1607 – 1992" by Jones:**

This book offers a broader perspective on the development of American liberty, which can be helpful in understanding the context of the period.

- **Academic Articles and Journal Essays:**

Search for articles in reputable historical journals that focus on specific aspects of the period, such as Reconstruction, Gilded Age politics, or the rise of industrialization.

- **Primary Source Collections:**

Explore collections of primary source documents, such as letters, speeches, and government documents, to gain firsthand insights into the period.

Key Themes and Topics to Focus On:

- **Reconstruction and its Aftermath:**

The failure of Radical Reconstruction, the experiences of African Americans, and the social and political divisions of the South.

- **The Gilded Age:**

The rise of big business, industrialization, urbanization, and the political corruption of the era.

- **Foreign Policy:**

The development of the Monroe Doctrine, territorial expansion, and the early stages of American involvement in world affairs.

- **Social and Economic Change:**

The impact of industrialization on American society, the growth of cities, and the changing role of women.

- **Political Developments:**

The role of political parties, the nature of presidential leadership, and the impact of social movements on political change