

Advance information June 2022

A-level History (7042)

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Because of the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we are providing advance information on the focus of June 2022 exams to help students revise.

This is the advance information for **A-level History (7042), 2G The Birth of the USA, 1760–1801**.

Information

- This notice covers advanced information for **7042/2G The Birth of the USA, 1760–1801**.
- There are no restrictions on who can use this notice.
- This notice is meant to support final revision.
- The format/structure of the papers remains unchanged.
- You are **not** permitted to take this notice into the exam.

Advice

- Students and teachers can discuss this advance information notice.
- Questions will be drawn from one or more of the indicated areas of specification content.
- The information is presented in specification order and not in question order.
- Students **will** be credited for using any relevant knowledge when answering questions.
- Students **will not** be disadvantaged if solely using the areas indicated in this document. There is no expectation of knowledge beyond that identified in order to achieve full marks.
- It is advised that teaching and learning should still aim to address the entire subject content in the specification.

Focus of the June 2022 exam

This paper will sample from the following areas of the specification content for **7042/2G**.

Part one: the origins of the American Revolution, 1760–1776

Section one: Britain and the American Colonies, 1760–1763

- Britain and North America in 1760: British attitudes towards the colonies; the politics of Empire; rivalries with France
- The price of victory: the impact on relations between Britain and the colonists of the successful outcome of the French and Indian War and the Seven Years War

Section two: Enforcing the Colonial Relationship, 1763–1774

- British government legislation and policies towards the colonies; including the Proclamation of 1763; the Stamp Act and the Townshend Acts
- The reaction of the colonists: the attitude of the colonial elites
- The reaction of the colonists: pressure and reform movements from below
- Escalating tensions: the Boston Tea Party; the 'intolerable' Five Acts; the organisation of colonial opposition in Massachusetts

Section three: Ending the Colonial Relationship, 1774–1776

- N/A

Part two: establishing the Nation, 1776–1801

Section four: The War of Independence, 1776–1783

- Recognition of the new nation: the conduct of the peace negotiations, the terms of the peace settlement 1783

Section five: Founding the Republic, 1776–1789

- The Articles of Confederation: drafting from 1776; ratification by the thirteen states
- Obstacles blocking the path to a republic: economic problems, social tensions and inter-state disputes, the issue of slavery
- Making the Constitution: the Philadelphia Convention and the constitutional debates between federalists and anti-federalists, the personalities and policies of the 'Founding Fathers'

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Section six: Washington and Adams, 1789–1801

- Financing the new nation: Alexander Hamilton as Secretary of Finance, the balance between federal and state authority
- The rise and influence of political parties: the Jefferson Republican (Democratic Republican Party) under Jefferson and James Madison, the Federalist Party under Alexander Hamilton and John Adams

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