



Preparation for Year 12



History ▾

Congratulations on your GCSE successes and welcome to your post-16 studies at All Saints!

At this significant moment in your education, you have selected to study courses that reflect your own unique gifts, talents, interests and future goals.

So let's get started! These tasks are designed to introduce you to some concepts that you will be exploring over the year ahead as well as giving you the opportunity to demonstrate your commitment and sincere interest in this subject.

We look forward to seeing your preparation work and welcoming you to our department in September.

Deadline for submission	Monday 2nd September 2024	
Where to submit work	Internal students:	External students:
	Class ▾	srivera@allsaintsschool.co.uk

Choose **TWO** tasks to complete from the following list:

Week	Task / question	Links to help you	Notes
1	Listen to the <i>American History Tellers</i> podcast, episode Reconstruction Era: From the Ashes of War. What do you remember from the GCSE Making of America course and how do the issues raised in this podcast link to that?	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J29n5bLIHEQ	
2	Watch Netflix film, 13TH. Make a note of key themes raised by the documentary makers and consider how these might link to the Making of a Superpower topic.	https://www.filmsforaction.org/watch/13th-documentary/	



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Keywords and definitions:

You will need to be familiar with the following keywords in term 1.

Keyword	Definition	Use of keyword within context
Emancipation	The freeing of enslaved peoples; in 1865 Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation granted freedom to slaves in the Southern states	
Gilded Age	A label for the growth of America in the later nineteenth century	
Cartels and trusts	Corporations and combinations of companies who joined together to raise more capital (money for investment) in order to gain control of key markets	
Freedmen's Bureau	Set up by President Lincoln in 1865 as part of the United States Department of War; was originally to last for one year but in 1866 its power were renewed and expanded to provide assistance to African-Americans with family issues, legal advice, and improvements in employment and education	
Nativists	People of 'American stock', whose parents had been born in the United States and who felt it necessary to protect American values against the	



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	'alien' ways brought in by new waves of immigrants	
Isolationism	Founding Fathers of American independence were anxious to preserve the new nation from outside interference and 'foreign entanglements'	
Laissez-faire	'Leave it be'; an economic philosophy that originated in France and Britain in the eighteenth century; it emphasised the importance of market forces and free competition, with minimum regulation or state interference	
Redeemer	Someone who fought for the 'redemption' of the South - in other words, to free the Southern states from governments that they felt had been unfairly imposed on them	
Scalwags	Term of abuse for Southerners who had collaborated with Northerners to enrich themselves	
The Knights of Labor	A nationwide trade union organisation, first formed in 1869; by the mid-1880s it had more than 100,000 members	