

Essay Questions Arranged by Topics 2014
1985-2014

Nation-building and challenges

1. "Both the conservatism and radicalism found in British North America (Canada) emerged through the influence of the United States.

To what extent and why is this observation correct or incorrect from the time of the American Revolution to the rebellions in the Canadas? (1985)

2. Discuss the struggle between Montreal and New York for the trade of the continental interior of North America (1814-1866), bringing other Canadian and American metropolitan centers into the discussion where appropriate. Why was New York successful? (1985)
3. Explain the contrasts in the success of representative forms of government adopted in the United States and in Latin America countries after Independence. (1985)
4. Compare and contrast the effects of westward expansion from the mid-eighteenth to the end of the nineteenth centuries on the Indians of any TWO of the following countries: Argentina; Canada; the United States. (1985)
5. How and with what success did the U.S. Constitution attempt to solve the problems of the Confederation period? (1987)
6. Why was the War of 1812 of vital importance to the Canadas? (1987)
7. What were the problems of colonial government in the Canadas in the first half of the nineteenth century? How did Canadians attempt to deal with them? (1987)
8. Identify and explain at least THREE issues that divided political parties in TWO of the following countries in the nineteenth century: the United States; Mexico; Argentina. (1987)
9. Trace the steps by which the border between the United States and Canada was established and explain why it was essentially unfortified. (1987)
10. Discuss the nature and extent of trade relations between the United States and Canada in the first half of the nineteenth century. (HL) (1988)
11. All of the Canadian provinces had good reason to oppose Confederation. Why then did it occur? (HL) (1988)

12. How revolutionary was the US Constitution? (HL) (1989)
13. How did the War of 1812 influence US/Canadian relations in the nineteenth century? (HL) (1989)
14. What impact did Lord Durham have on developments in Canada? (HL) (1989)
15. Beginning in the 1830s, national governments began to support and implement the end of enslavement. Compare methods of manumission and abolition in at least TWO countries of the region. (HL) (1989)
16. What is meant EITHER by "Jeffersonian Democracy" OR "Jacksonian Democracy"? Explain the importance of the Presidency of either man to the development of the United States. (HL) (1990)
17. Which features of the US Constitution were new? (HL) (Nov 1991)
18. What role did Britain play in establishing the Canadian Confederation of 1867? (HL) (Nov 1991)
19. Identify three problems of the Confederation period in the USA. How was each resolved in the constitution? (HL) (1991)
20. Why did the Americans invade Canada in 1812? (HL) (1991)
21. To what extent was the United States the catalyst in Canadian Confederation in 1867? (HL) (1991)
22. What were the main problems of Latin American countries in the generation following independence? Use examples from at least TWO countries (HL) (1992)
23. What problems did Confederation hope to solve in Canada? (HL) (1992)
24. To what extent was the United States Constitution revolutionary? (HL) (1993)
25. Which groups gained and which lost from the Canadian Confederation in 1867? (HL) (1993)
26. Discuss the role of leadership in the formation of new governments in TWO countries of the region in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. (HL) (1994)

27. Analyze the political problems of Upper and Lower Canada prior to the rebellions of 1837. (HL) (1994)
28. Compare the role of the executive in the new governments of TWO countries of the region before 1860. (HL) (1995)
29. What were the political problems in the Canadas in the first half of the nineteenth century? How did both the Canadians and the British attempt to deal with them? (HL) (1995)
30. Why did Brazil become a monarchy in 1822 and a republic in 1889? (HL) (1995)
31. What were the goals of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and to what extent did it achieve them? (HL) (1996)
32. What were the forces favoring Confederation in Canada and why? (HL) (1996)
33. What were the political and economic problems of the Confederation period in the United States and how successful were attempts to solve them? (HL) (1997)
34. How successful was Confederation in responding to Canada's political and social problems? (HL) (1997)
35. What problems faced the United States under the Articles of Confederation and how far did the United States Constitution solve them? (HL) (1998)
36. Analyze the problems of Upper and Lower Canada prior to the rebellions of 1837. (HL) (1998)
37. Assess the impact of the War of 1812 on both Canada and the United States. (HL) (November 1999)
38. Was the United States' Constitution a revolutionary document? (HL) (November 1999)
39. Compare the problems that emerged in the formation of new systems of government in **two** countries of the region after their war of independence. (HL) (2000)
40. Why was the slave rebellion in Haiti successful, while slave rebellions elsewhere in the Americas before 1850 failed? (HL) (2000)
41. "I have already intimated to you the danger of parties" (George Washington, Farewell Address, 1796) Why, despite George Washington's warnings, did political parties emerge in the US in the period 1796-1828? (HL) (2001)

42. How did Brazil achieve independence from Portugal in the nineteenth century, and why was the Brazilian path to independence different from that of Spanish America? (HL) (2001)
43. “The causes of the 1837 rebellions in Upper and Lower Canada had little in common.” How far do you agree with this claim? (HL) (2001)
44. Analyze the major similarities and differences in the master-slave relationship in the slave culture of **two** countries of the region during the nineteenth century. (HL) (2001)
45. To what extent were the grievances expressed in the Declaration of Independence successfully addressed by the Articles of Confederation? (HL) (2002)
46. In 1865, a Canadian politician said, “The British North American colonies face a choice between Confederation or absorption into the United States”. How accurate, in your opinion, was this observation? (HL) (2002)
47. What were the main features of the Articles of Confederation, and how successful was the government that resulted from them? (HL) (2003)
48. Discuss the reasons why the Durham Report recommended French-Canadian assimilation. (HL) (2003)
49. “The Constitution of the United States, agreed between 1787 and 1791, was a revolutionary document for its time.” To what extent do you agree with this claim? (2004)
50. Explain why the caudillos emerged and how they ruled in the nineteenth century. Support your answer with examples from one *or* more countries. (2004)
51. Analyse the main problems facing the United States under the Articles of Confederation (1781). How far did the United States Constitution (1788) solve them? (HL) (2005)
52. "The nineteenth century did not bring Latin America the order and prosperity that the liberators had hoped for." With reference to two or more countries, to what extent do you agree with this judgment? (HL) (2006)
53. For what reasons, and in what ways, was the United States constitution of 1787 a “bundle of compromises”? (2007)
54. Analyse the political problems of upper and lower Canada prior to the rebellions of 1837.. (2007)
55. Using examples from at least one country, explain why the caudillos emerged in Latin America in the nineteenth century.. (2008)

56. Analyse the internal and external factors that led to the establishment of the Canadian Confederation.. (2008)
57. “The debates over the ratification of the constitution contributed to the formation of national parties in the United States during the 1790s” To what extent do you agree with this statement? (2009)
58. Analyze the effects of the Mexican-American War (1846-1848) on the region. (2010)
59. For what reasons, and with what results, was the Monroe Doctrine established in 1823? (2011)
60. Analyse the issues that led to changes in the United States’ political system between 1792 and 1797. (2011)
61. How significant were the 1837 rebellions for the political development of Canada? (2011)
62. For what reasons, and in which ways, did the United States Constitution of 1787 change the Articles of Confederation? (2012)
63. “Socio-political conditions caused the rise and development of the caudillo rule in Latin America during the period immediately after the wars of independence.” With reference to **two** countries of the region, to what extent do you agree with this statement? (2012)
64. How important was the Durham Report (1839) in the struggle by Canadians to achieve responsible government? (2013)
65. Analyse the effects of the Mexican–American War (1846–1848) on any **two** countries of the region. (2013)
66. Analyse the reasons for the rise, and assess the impact of, *caudillos* in **two** countries of the region in the 19th century. (2014)
67. Analyse the causes of the Mexican–American War (1846–1848). (2014)