

EASTBURY SUBJECT CURRICULUM

Subject	HISTORY
Year Group	12
Overview	<p>Students study 2 units:</p> <p>Unit 1: D5 - Civil Rights in the USA 1945-58 and D7 - Politics, Presidency and Society in the USA, 1968-2001.</p> <p>Unit 2: British Political History 1945-90: Consensus and Conflict.</p>
Term by term	
Autumn	<p>Students are taught Unit 1 simultaneously by two teachers, with one teaching D5 and the other D7. In D5 students learn about the struggle of African-Americans to obtain their constitutional rights, in which they explore the roles of key individuals such as Martin Luther King, as well as the role of US institutions like Congress, the President and the Supreme Court. In D7 students learn about six US presidents from Richard Nixon to Bill Clinton, with a focus on political, economic and social issues that have been threads through all the presidencies.</p>
Spring	<p>Students are taught Unit 2 simultaneously by two teachers who both teach D7. Students learn about British Prime Ministers and their governments 1945-90, with a particular reference made to the era of the so-called Post-War Settlement and its subsequent breakdown in the 1970s with the advent of Thatcherism in the 1980s. Students learn the art of source analysis, especially the cross-referencing between sources and assessment of value.</p>
Summer	<p>Students are revising for their May exams.</p>
Homework	<p>Combination of research tasks and lesson presentation preparation and examination style questions.</p>
Additional information	<p>Students study two units that are equally weighted in terms of marks.</p>
Useful resources	<p><u>Film/documentary:</u></p> <p><i>Alistair Cooke's Letter From America</i> – A brilliant series of weekly radio essays delivered by Alistair Cooke between 1946 and 2004. It should be noted that Cooke knew several US Presidents, including John F. Kennedy.</p> <p><i>All The President's Men</i> (1976) – a film based on the investigative journalism of Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein (worked on the Washington Post) who exposed the attempted cover up by Nixon and his aides of the breaking into of the Democrats' HQ at the Watergate building in 1972.</p> <p><i>Andrew Marr's A History of Britain</i> (2007) – an excellent overview of the post-45 era in Britain.</p> <p><i>Heath versus Wilson: the Ten Year Dual</i> (2010) – gives an excellent analysis of the 1960s-1970s period, especially Britain's economic decline.</p> <p><i>Boys from the Black Stuff</i> (1980) – written by Alan Bleasdale this was a very hard-hitting drama series about a group of road layers who experience life in early Thatcherite Britain.</p> <p><i>Frost Nixon</i> (2008) – a film based on David Frost's famous 1977 interview with Richard Nixon (played by Frank A. Langella), starring Michael Sheen as Frost</p>

Nixon (1995)- American biographical film directed by Oliver Stone for Cinergi Pictures that tells the story of the political and personal life of former US President Richard Nixon, played by Anthony Hopkins.

NB: We have an extensive archive of clips from party conferences, interviews etc. that are viewed by students at various points in the course.

Books:

REEVES, Richard, *President Nixon: Alone in the White House* Simon & Schuster (2001) ISBN 978-0-684-80231-2

GREENE, John Robert, *The Presidency of Gerald R. Ford*, University of Kansas Paperback (1995) Paper ISBN 978-0-7006-0639-9

MATTSON, Kevin, *What the Heck Are You Up To, Mr. President? Jimmy Carter, America's "Malaise" and the Speech that Should Have Changed the Country*, Bloomsbury USA (2009) (ISBN13: 9781596915213)

REEVES, Richard, *President Reagan: The Triumph of Imagination* Simon & Schuster (2006) (ISBN 978-0-7432-3022-3)

HAMILTON, Nigel, *Bill Clinton: Mastering the Presidency*, Public Affairs (2007) ISBN-13: 978-1586485160

GILLION, Steven M, *The Pact: Bill Clinton, Newt Gingrich, and the Rivalry that Defined a Generation*, Oxford University Press, USA; 1 edition (2008), ISBN-13: 978-0195322781

SANDBROOK, Dominic – *Seasons In The Sun: The Battle for Britain, 1974-1979* (2012)

Also by the same author:

Never Had It So Good: A History of Britain from Suez to the Beatles, Published by Little, Brown (London, 2005)

White Heat: A History of Britain in the Swinging Sixties, Published by Little, Brown (London, 2006)

State of Emergency: The Way We Were: Britain 1970-1974, Published by Allen Lane (London, 2010)

Websites and specific web pages:

The Miller Centre is part of the University of Virginia, which gives excellent coverage and analysis of all the presidents that we study as part of Unit 1, D7:

<http://millercenter.org/president/nixon>

<http://millercenter.org/president/ford>

<http://millercenter.org/president/carter>

<http://millercenter.org/president/reagan>

<http://millercenter.org/president/bush>

<http://millercenter.org/president/clinton>

The following are relevant to Unit 1 and are part of the lecture series on US Presidents given by Vernon Bogdanor at Gresham College, London:

<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/the-nature-of-the-american-presidency>

<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/the-american-presidency-richard-nixon>

<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/the-american-presidency-jimmy-carter>

<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/the-american-presidency-ronald-reagan>

<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/the-american-presidency-george-h-w-bush>

<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/the-american-presidency-bill-clinton>

The following are relevant to Unit 2 and are part of the lecture series - Britain in the Twentieth Century: Progress and Decline given by Vernon Bogdanor at Gresham College, London :

<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/britain-in-the-20th-century-the-character-of-the-post-war-period>

<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/britain-in-the-20th-century-the-attempt-to-construct-a-socialist-commonwealth>

<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/britain-in-the-20th-century-the-conservative-reaction-1951-1965>

<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/britain-in-the-20th-century-the-collapse-of-the-postwar-settlement-1964-1979>

<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/britain-in-the-20th-century-thatcherism-1979-1990>