

History summer work

- Key figures gallery

Congratulations on choosing History at A level! You've made an excellent choice as we study really exciting topics.

You will probably find, however, that these topics are not ones that you have come across before. That's great, as we want to expose you to as much History as possible before you get to university. We study the Making of America 1865-1975, and the Making of Britain 1951-2007.

One of the challenging things about studying History is that we need a really clear picture of the time periods we are studying in our heads, so that we can hang all of our new knowledge off that existing picture. Therefore your summer work is to start building this mental picture of America from 1865-75, and Britain from 1951-2007.

On this Powerpoint are some of the key people that you will encounter on the A level course. Your task for the summer is to begin making a **gallery of key people** for both America and Britain.

You should:

- Choose the people from each side of the course that you would like to research. You can research as many or as little as you want, but obviously the more you do the better prepared you will be!
- Create a gallery - this can either be on the computer or you can make a physical gallery in your house.
- Take a photograph of your finished gallery and bring it to the first lesson.

On the next slide is a list of questions that you could consider while you are making your gallery.



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Below are some questions that you **could** consider when you are building your gallery:

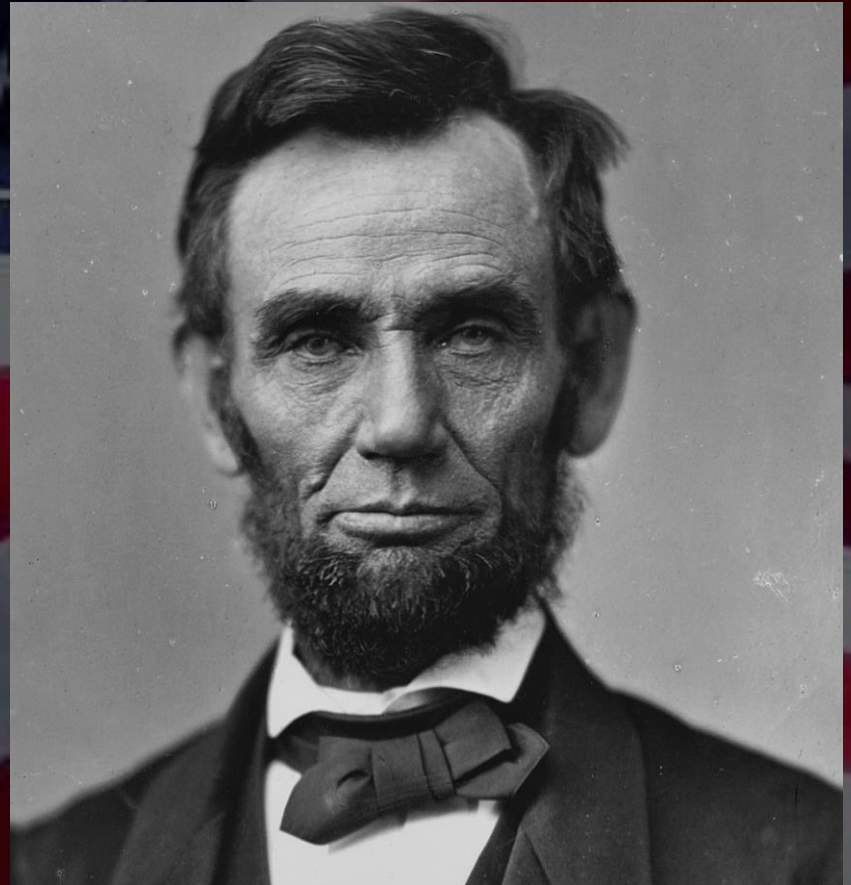
- Can you put the key figures in chronological order?
- What else was going on in either Britain or America when these people were active?
- What was this person's most significant contribution to History?
- What was this person's most underrated achievement?
- What, if any, lasting influence did they have? Why is this?
- What events in History are they most associated with?
- Are there any connections between this person and any other person you have researched?



Abraham Lincoln

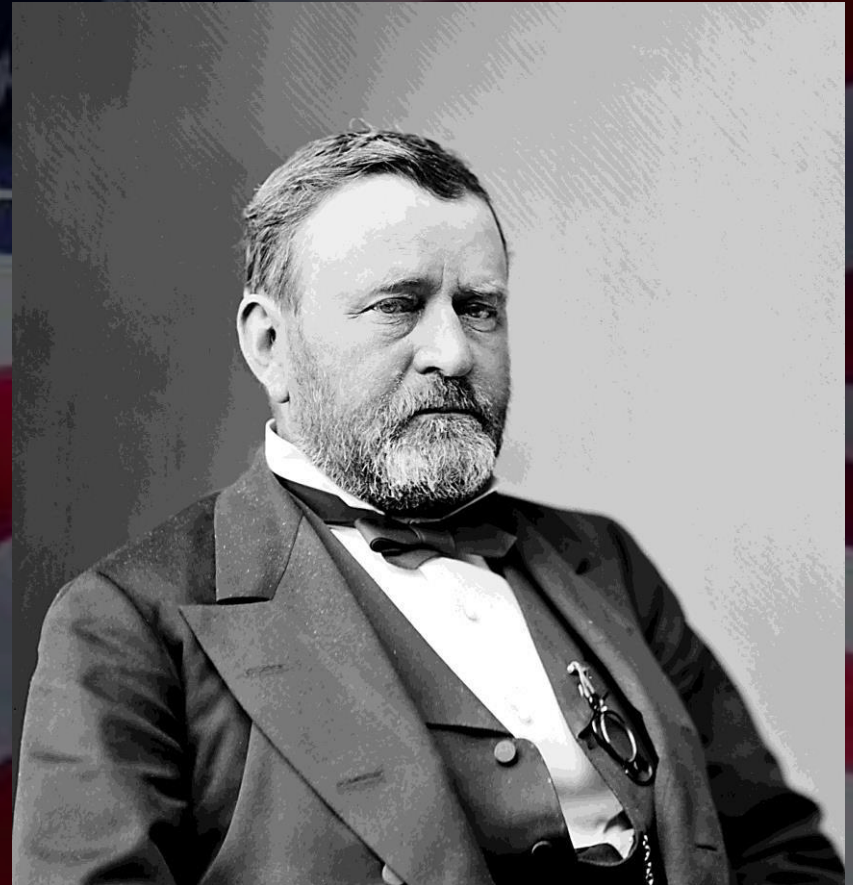
Abraham Lincoln was president of the USA during the American Civil War.

He was assassinated after the war ended.



Ulysses S Grant

Ulysses S Grant was the leader of the Union army during the Civil War. He later became President of the United States.



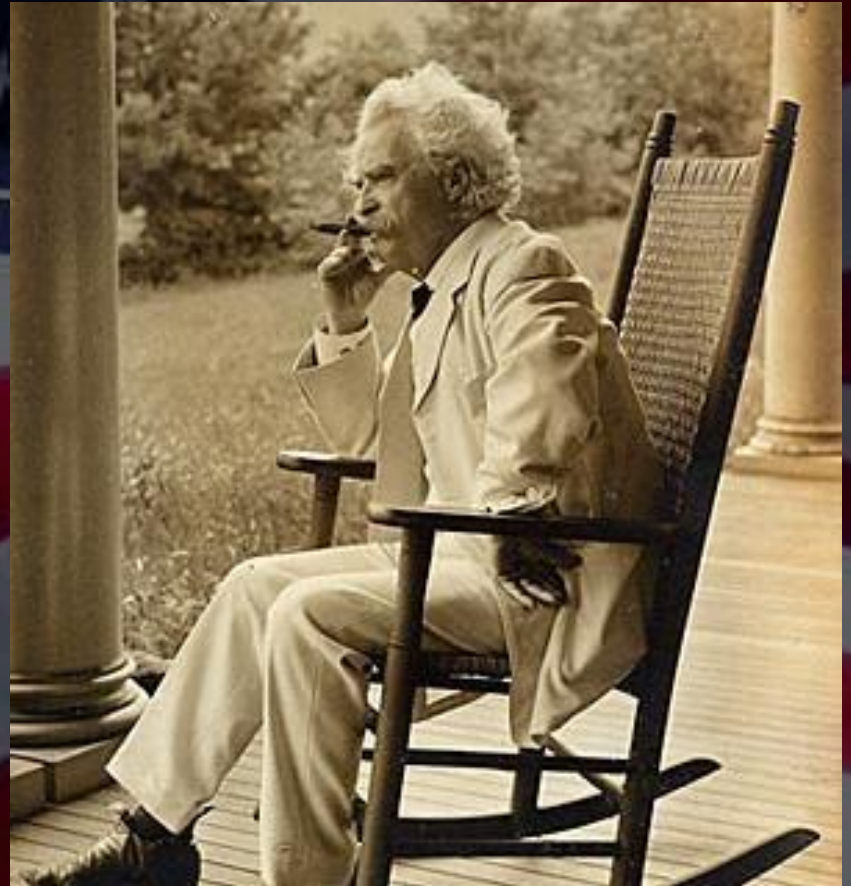
Sitting Bull

Sitting Bull was a Lakota Sioux Chief and fought against the white American invaders.



Mark Twain

Mark Twain was an American author who coined the phrase “The Gilded Age”.



A Philip Randolph

A Philip Randolph was an African American activist and union leader.



Samuel Gompers

Samuel Gompers was an American union leader.



Teddy Roosevelt

Teddy Roosevelt was an American president.



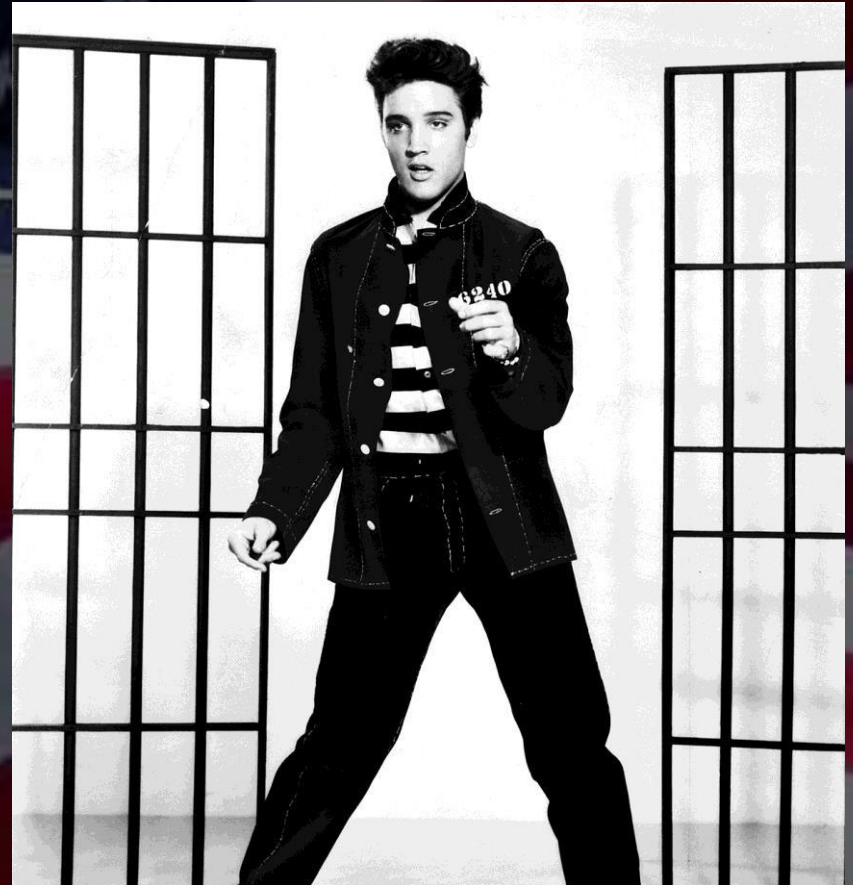
Booker T Washington

Booker T Washington was an African American Civil Rights activist



Elvis Presley

Elvis Presley was a revolutionary rock and roll artist.



Ida B Wells

Ida B Wells was an anti-lynching campaigner and civil rights activist.



Betty Friedan

Betty Friedan was a feminist and author



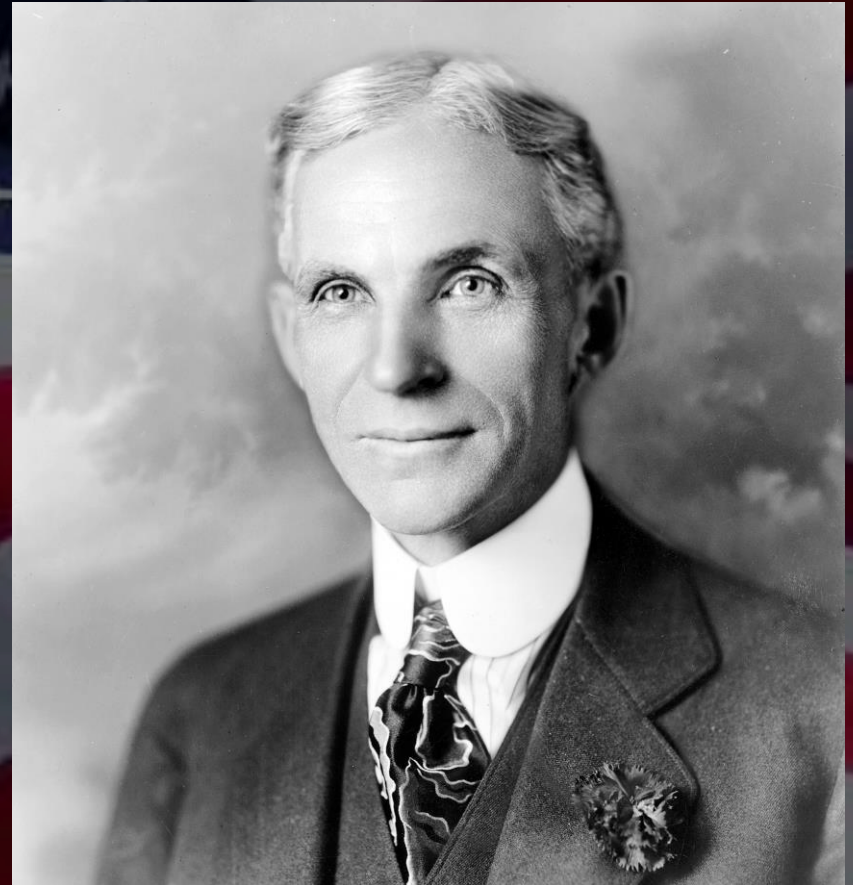
John F Kennedy

John F Kennedy was an American president



Henry Ford

Henry Ford was an American businessman.



Margaret Sanger

Margaret Sanger was a reproductive rights campaigner.



Herbert Hoover

Herbert Hoover was a president of the USA.



Eleanor Roosevelt

Eleanor Roosevelt was a first lady of America.



Oswald Mosley

Oswald Mosley was the leader of the British Fascist Party.



Enoch Powell

Enoch Powell was a British politician who represented the Conservative Party



Barbara Castle

Barbara Castle was a British politician. She represented the Labour Party.



Christine Keeler

Christine Keeler was a British socialite



Paul Stephenson

Paul Stephenson was a British
Civil Rights campaigner



Mary Whitehouse

Mary Whitehouse was a moral
campaigner.



Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill was a British Prime Minister



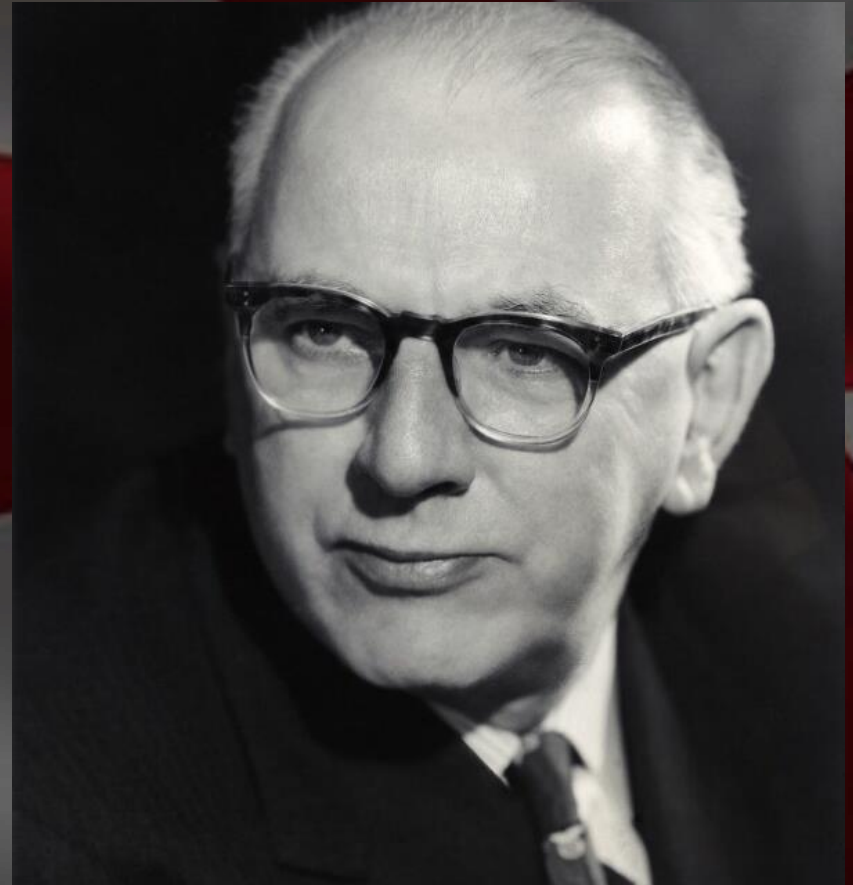
Jomo Kenyatta

Jomo Kenyatta was the first president of Kenya



Frank Cousins

Frank Cousins was a trade unions leader



David Steel

David Steel was a Liberal MP and reproductive rights campaigner



Maureen Colquhoun

Maureen Colquhoun was a Labour MP and an LGBTQ+ activist



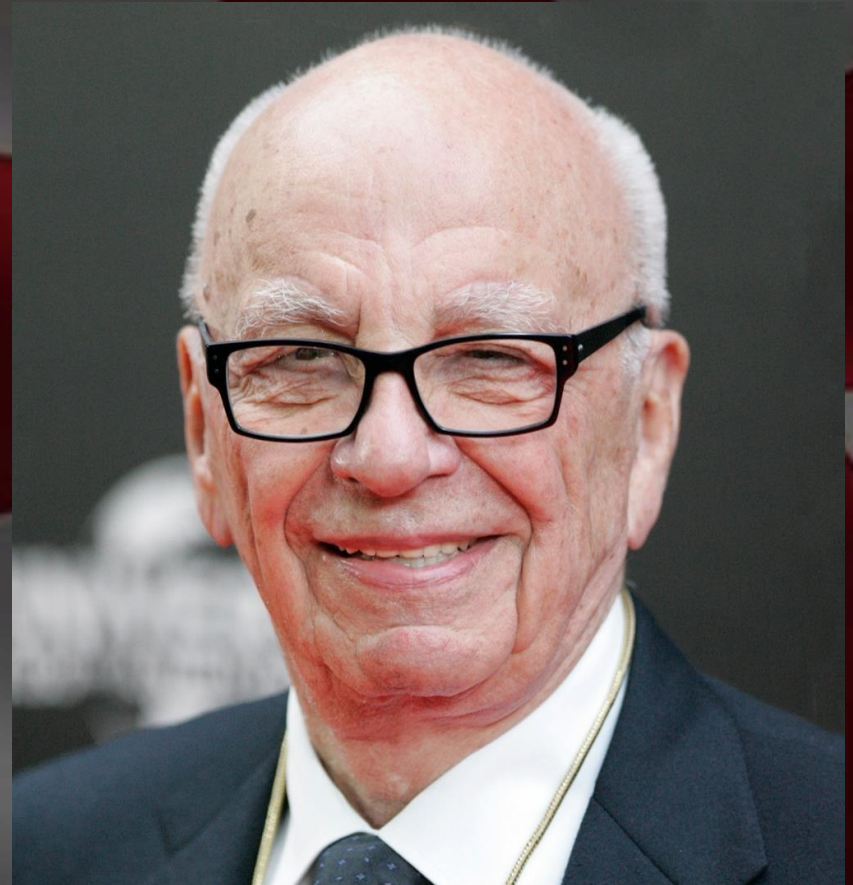
Shirley Williams

Shirley Williams was a founding member of the Social Democratic Party in Britain



Rupert Murdoch

Rupert Murdoch is a media tycoon.



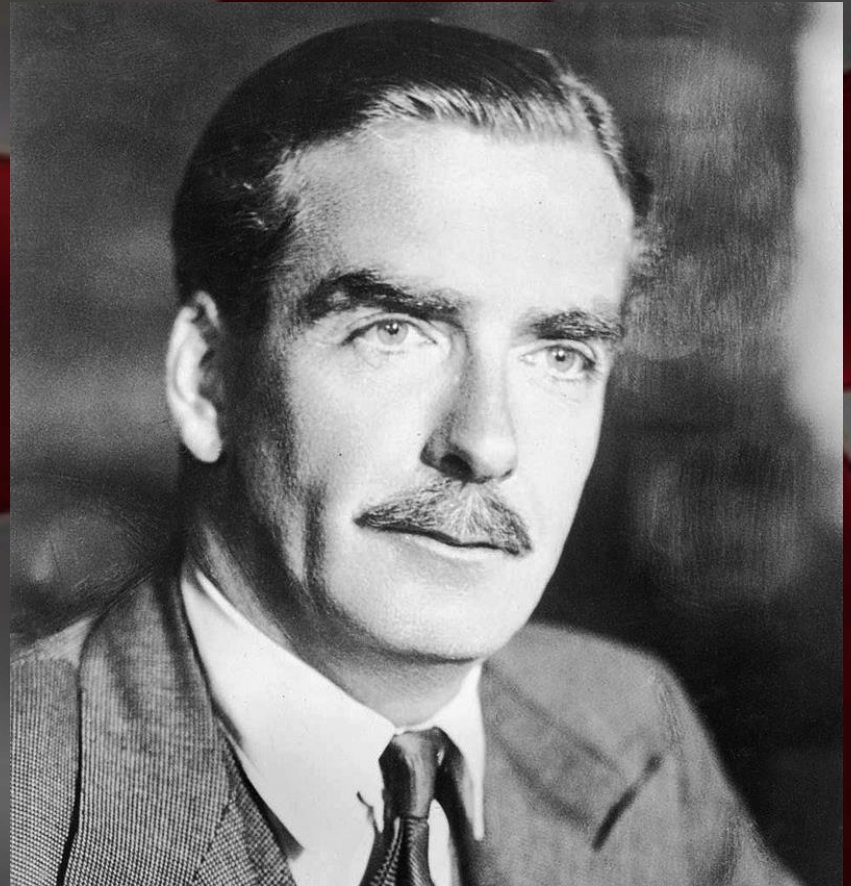
Stephen Lawrence

Stephen Lawrence was murdered. His death prompted an investigation into institutional racism within the police.



Antony Eden

Antony Eden was a British Prime Minister



Jayaben Desai

Jayaben Desai was a civil rights activist in Britain.



Going further...

If this has piqued your interest and you would like to explore History further, check out the additional document that accompanies this.

There are lots of recommended resources that will help you flesh out your picture of the past even more!