 **Sample Course Outline**

Modern History

ATAR Year 11

Unit 1 – Elective 7: Capitalism – the American experience (1901–1941)

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## Unit 1 – Elective 7 – Capitalism – the American experience (1901–1941)

This outline is based on the elective: Capitalism – the American experience (1901–1941)

| **Week** | **Syllabus content** | **Key teaching points** |
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| 1–2 | **The development of Historical Skills is intrinsic to the teaching of this unit**  **The impact of the following forces should be considered, where appropriate, throughout the unit:** economic; international relations; leadership; political; social/cultural  **1901–10**   * the political, economic and social situation in the USA at the beginning of the 20th century * the impact on American capitalism of   + progressivism   + trust busting * the role and impact of significant individuals in the period, such as   + Theodore Roosevelt   + William Taft   + JD Rockefeller * the impact of capitalism on different groups within American society * the aims and beliefs of different groups, for example   + African Americans   + urban workers   + rural workers   + immigrants   + industrialists   + members of Indian Nations * the consequences of divisions into groups * the significance of capitalism as an idea in this period | Political, economic and social situation   * Migration * Mass consumption and production * Trust busting * Progressivism * Laissez-faire * Expansionism   Significant people – who they were, what they did, impact on capitalism and America   * Theodore Roosevelt – Square Deal, trust busting * William Taft – successor of Roosevelt * JD Rockefeller – oil magnate, the monopoly of Standard Oil, trust busting laws   Impact on different groups   * Migration * Legislation * Labour laws   Capitalism as an idea   * Definition of capitalism * Examples of capitalism within the time period |
| 3–4 | **1910–20**   * the impact on American capitalism of   + WWI * the role and impact of significant individuals in the period, such as   + Woodrow Wilson   + JP Morgan * the impact of capitalism on different groups within American society * the aims and beliefs of different groups, for example * African Americans * urban workers * rural workers * immigrants * industrialists * members of Indian Nations * the consequences of divisions into groups * the significance of capitalism as an idea in this period | Impact of World War I   * Woodrow Wilson and America’s involvement in WWI * The Fourteen Points and the return to isolationism * Industrialisation * Constitutional amendments: women’s suffrage * Immigration restriction   Significant people – who they were, what they did, impact on Capitalism and America   * Woodrow Wilson – US President, championed US neutrality in WWI * JP Morgan – financier and banker   Impact on different groups   * Women’s suffrage * African Americans   Capitalism as an idea   * Definition of capitalism * Examples of capitalism within the time period   **Task 1: Source analysis**  **Task 2: Historical inquiry – Part A distribution** |
| 5–7 | **1920–29**   * the nature of American capitalism and the shaping of American values, for example * film and fashion * prohibition * the ‘Jazz Age’ * the Ku Klux Klan * Social Darwinism * The American Dream * The impact of the 1920s and the growth of consumerism on American Capitalism * the role and impact of significant individuals in the period such as: Calvin Coolidge   + Herbert Hoover, Henry Ford, Helena Rubenstein, Florence Nightingale Graham aka Elizabeth Arden * the impact of capitalism on different groups within American society and the aims and beliefs of different groups, for example: * African Americans * urban workers * rural workers * immigrants * industrialists * members of Indian Nations * the consequences of divisions into groups * the significance of capitalism as an idea in this period | The nature of American capitalism and the shaping of American values and how the following shaped these values   * film and fashion * prohibition * the ‘Jazz Age’ * the Ku Klux Klan * Social Darwinism * The American Dream   Impact of the 1920s and consumerism on American Capitalism   * Mass production * Advertising   Significant groups – who they were, what they did, impact on Capitalism and America   * Flappers * The ‘Jazz Age’ and African Americans   Capitalism as an idea   * Definition of capitalism * Examples of capitalism within the time period   **Task 2: Historical inquiry – Part B in-class validation essay** |
| 8–11 | **1929–41**   * the Great Depression   + its causes   + the consequences for different political, economic and social groups   + the effectiveness of the political responses, including the New Deal   + the New Deal’s impact on capitalism * the role and impact of significant individuals in the period such as:   + Herbert Hoover   + FD Roosevelt * the impact on American capitalism of   + WW II until 1941 * the impact of capitalism on different groups within American society * the aims and beliefs of different groups, for example   + African Americans   + urban workers   + rural workers   + immigrants   + industrialists   + members of Indian Nations * the consequences of divisions into groups * the significance of capitalism as an idea in this period | The Great Depression   * The impact of the stock market dealings throughout the 1920s * How these led to the Wall Street Crash of 1929 * Other factors which contributed to the Great Depression * The spiral into economic depression * The short‐term and long‐term social, political and economic impacts, including the impact on capitalism and on different groups in society (immigrants, rural and urban workers, wealthy industrialists) * The effectiveness of political responses including: * Hoover and ‘Rugged Individualism’ * Roosevelt and the ‘New Deal’   World War II   * America’s involvement in World War II * Selling of war goods * International relations   Capitalism as an idea   * Examples of capitalism within the time period   **Task 3: In-class essay** |
| 12 | * the significance of capitalism as an idea in this period | Capitalism as an idea   * Definition of capitalism * Examples of capitalism within the time period |
| 13–14 | **Revision/examinations** |  |

| **Historical Skills** |
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| The following skills will be developed during this unit. Chronology, terms and concepts  * identify links between events to understand the nature and significance of causation, continuity and change over time * use historical terms and concepts in appropriate contexts to demonstrate historical knowledge and understanding  Historical questions and inquiry  * frame questions to guide inquiry and develop a coherent research plan for inquiry * identify, locate and organise relevant information from a range of primary and secondary sources * acknowledge and reference sources as appropriate  Analysis and use of historical sources  * identify the origin, purpose and context of historical sources * analyse and synthesise evidence from different types of historical sources * evaluate the reliability and usefulness of historical sources  Perspectives and interpretations  * analyse and account for the different perspectives of individuals and groups in the past * evaluate different historical interpretations of the past and how they are shaped by the historian’s perspective * evaluate the significance of ideas, events and people  Explanation and communication  * develop texts that integrate appropriate evidence from a range of sources to explain the past and to sustain an argument * communicate historical understanding, using historical knowledge, concepts and terms |