

Modified Enlarged 18pt

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Thursday 12 June 2025 – Morning

A Level History A

**Y216/01 The USA in the 19th Century: Westward
expansion and Civil War 1803–c.1890**

**Time allowed: 1 hour
plus your additional time allowance**

**YOU MUST HAVE:
the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet**

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF



INSTRUCTIONS

Use black ink.

Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.

Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.

Choose ONE question and answer ALL the parts of that question.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 30.

The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].

Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

Answer Question 1 OR Question 2.

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(a) Which of the following was the more important reason for the destruction of Native American societies?

(i) Natural resources

(ii) Americanisation

**Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).
[10]**

(b)*How far does the ability of Confederate military commanders explain why the Civil War lasted so long? [20]

2

(a) Which of the following was the more important reason for the defeat of the Confederacy?

(i) The Wilderness Campaign

(ii) Naval blockade

**Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).
[10]**

(b)*‘Economic gain for settlers was the most important consequence of Westward expansion.’

How far do you agree? [20]

END OF QUESTION PAPER



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