

Practising Interpretation questions

1. How does Interpretation B differ from Interpretation A about how far America benefitted from the boom of the 1920s?

Explain your answer using Interpretation A and B [4 marks]

- Give specific way in which they differ.

eg

- Message
- Inference
- Positive / negative

- A implies / claims / suggests / asserts X.....
Give detail from interpretation

- B implies / claims / suggests / asserts Y....
Give detail from interpretation

- Briefly sum up difference

- A Optimism, like everything else in America was mass produced...Such was the exuberance (happiness) of the people, demonstrated by spectacular bursts of invention and productivity.**

H. Evans, The American Century, 1998

- B During the 1920s complacency became an article of faith among many comfortable Americans...everything was as it should be. However, other Americans felt disorientated and dissatisfied by the economic, political and racial situation.**

M. Johnson, Reading the American Past, Volume II, 2002

2. Why might the authors of Interpretation A and B have a different interpretation about how far America benefitted from the boom of the 1920s?

Explain your answer using Interpretations A and B and your contextual knowledge. [4 marks]

- Consider nature, origin, purpose
What sources have they based their interpretation on?
Textbook = objective
Critical title = negative interpretation
Origin – produced by a critic / supporter / political view.....

- **A** is positive because....
Give context

- **B** is negative because....
Give context

3. Which interpretation do you find more convincing (accurate) about how far America benefitted from the boom of the 1920s?

Explain your answer using Interpretations A and B and your contextual knowledge. [8 marks]

- **A** is more / less convincing because it does/does not agree with the context (my knowledge of the period).....
Give context

- **B** is more / less convincing because it does/does not agree with the context (my knowledge of the period).....
Give context