



GCSE HISTORY

Paper 1 Section A/D: America, 1920–1973: Opportunity and inequality

Interpretations Booklet

Interpretations A and **B** for use in answering Questions 01, 02 and 03



Interpretation A Adapted from Betty Friedan's autobiography, 'Life So Far' published in 2000.

Friedan was originally a psychologist and journalist. She wrote the influential, bestselling book, 'The Feminine Mystique' published in 1963. It explained why women should have equal rights and roles in American society. During the 1960s and early 1970s, Friedan was a leader in the feminist movement.

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Interpretation A is Friedan writing in support of the feminist movement and their achievements in the 1960s and 1970s.

Interpretation B Adapted from an article called 'Equal Rights for Women: Wrong Then, Wrong Now' by Phyllis Schlafly published April 2007.

Schlafly was a lawyer and lifelong political activist. She once tried to get elected to government. Schlafly spoke publicly on behalf of people who wanted to preserve traditional family values and roles. She led the STOP (Stop Taking Our Privileges) campaign against the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment).

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Interpretation B is Schlafly criticising the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment).

END OF INTERPRETATIONS

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