



Teacher's Notes BBC Two Autumn 2008

History

Curriculum Match: *Intermediate 1 and 2*

Transmission time:

Programme 1 — Tuesday 4 November 04.40–05.00

Programme 2 — Tuesday 4 November 05.00–05.20

***Free at Last?* Race relations in the USA 1918–1968**

These two programmes have been designed to meet the requirements of the SQA Intermediate History course arrangements. They provide resources for the unit entitled

*'Free at Last?
Race Relations in the USA 1918–1968'.*

Both programmes cater for students at both Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 levels. Programme One focuses on the period 1918–1929 and Programme Two covers 1945–1965.

Programme One **Race Relations in the USA 1918–1929**

Synopsis of Content

This programme looks at the development of race relations in the USA during the years 1918–30, illustrating themes of ideas, identity and power.

The programme's main focus is on the USA at the end of the First World War. It covers the social, political and economic status of African Americans, the 'Jim Crow' laws, voting rights, the Great Migration, the attitudes and activities of the Ku Klux Klan, and the African American churches.

Timed running Order

Time	Content	Syllabus link
00.00-00.22	Opening titles	
00.22-02.16	Introduction: segregation after the abolition of slavery in the USA.	The USA at the end of the First World War: the social, political and economic status of African Americans; the 'Jim Crow' laws.
02.16-04.26	Growth of cities in South and development of railroads led to development of Jim Crow laws; 'separate but equal' decision by US Supreme Court.	
04.26-05.51	Voting rights: poll tax, literacy tests and other obstacles to African Americans being able to vote.	
05.51-06.05	Poem: <i>A New Song</i> by Langston Hughes (part 1).	
06.05-07.23	Great Migration.	
07.23-08.11	Rebirth of the Ku Klux Klan, <i>Birth of a Nation</i> in cinemas, KKK violence, white supremacists, hatred of new immigrants.	The attitudes and activities of the Ku Klux Klan.
08.11-08.55	World War One: experiences of African Americans in Europe.	
08.55-12.00	Post-war race riots; lynching of Will Brown in Omaha, Nebraska; racism in North and South.	

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Programme One

Timed running order (continued)

Time	Content	Syllabus link
12.00-14.46	KKK in the 1920s: role of religious prejudice; murder of Father Coyle in Birmingham, Alabama; summary of reasons for many Americans joining the KKK.	Changing attitudes towards immigrants during the 1920s; the attitudes and activities of the Ku Klux Klan.
14.46-16.08	Importance of African American churches: provided place of refuge; important role of ministers as community leaders.	
16.08-16.23	Poem: <i>A New Song</i> by Langston Hughes (part 2).	
16.23-18.01	Economic issues in the 1920s: boom and bust 1921–1929; importance of automobile industry; problems facing African Americans.	
18.01-18.23	Summing up: issues facing African Americans in 1929.	
18.23-18.48	Closing credits.	

Programme Two **Race Relations in the USA 1945–1965**

Synopsis of Content

This programme looks at the development of race relations in the USA during the years 1945–68, illustrating themes of ideas, identity and power.

The programme's main focus is on the growing demand for civil rights after 1945. It covers the reasons for this growth, including the peaceful campaigns of the civil rights movements during the 1950s and 60s, the role of Martin Luther King, the response of state and federal authorities to these campaigns and an assessment of the impact of the campaigns on US society.

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Time	Content	Syllabus link
00.00-00.23	Opening titles	
00.23-01.22	Introduction: focus on key role of the Civil Rights movement's foot soldiers, 1955–1965.	Growing demand for civil rights after 1945: reasons for this growth.
01.23-02.19	Segregation post 1945: comments from historian and clergyman.	
02.19-03.59	Montgomery Bus Boycott: roles of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King.	Peaceful activities of civil rights movements during the 1950s and 1960s. The role of Martin Luther King.
03.59-04.46	Freedom Rides.	
04.46-07.49	Birmingham, Alabama: testimonies of foot soldiers; arrest of Martin Luther King.	
07.49-10.02	Children's Crusade: testimonies of foot soldiers; comments from historian and journalist.	
10.02-11.01	Reputation and role of President Kennedy.	Response of state and federal authorities to these campaigns.
11.01-12.21	March on Washington, 1963.	Peaceful activities of civil rights movements during the 1960s.
12.21-14.55	16th Street Baptist Church bombing, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963: testimonies of eyewitnesses; comments from historian.	
14.55-16.06	Civil Rights Act, 1964.	Response of state and federal authorities to these campaigns.
16.06-18.09	Selma to Montgomery March: testimonies of foot soldiers.	Peaceful activities of civil rights movements during the 1960s.
18.09-18.45	Voting Rights Act, 1965: testimonies of foot soldiers.	Assessment of the impact of the campaigns on US society.
18.45-19.14	Closing credits.	