



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



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Interpretation A Adapted from an interview in 2017 with Diane Nash, an African-American woman, for a television series entitled, 'The Women Who Changed the World'. It was published in a widely read British newspaper.

Nash was a Civil Rights campaigner during the 1950s and 1960s. She was arrested in 1961 for her role in encouraging young people to take part in the Freedom Rides.

I grew up in the northern city of Chicago. I used to go to new places, see new things and I had a good life. This changed when I moved to the Deep South to attend university in Tennessee during the late 1950s. I was shocked at the racial segregation that affected the lives of black Americans. As a black woman I felt very confined and was scared the whole time. Whenever I obeyed a segregation law I felt like I was agreeing that I was inferior.

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Interpretation B Adapted from an account of her life, written by Katherine Johnson, an African-American woman, published in 2019.

The book was called 'Reaching for the Moon' and was written for younger readers. She joined NASA, the government space agency in 1953, and worked there for over 30 years as a mathematician. She lived and worked in Virginia and made a vital contribution to NASA's biggest projects, including the first moon-landing mission.

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END OF INTERPRETATIONS

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