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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 the book 'Heroes of the Fiery Cross' by Alma White published in 1928.

White was a Protestant bishop and founder of the Pillar of Fire Church which supported the Ku Klux Klan.

> Thousands of immigrants have arrived in the past twenty years. This has made America the dumping ground for every sort of criminal and undesirable from other countries. They have no respect for our laws. They do not appreciate our great achievements created by the hard work and sacrifice of others. They are only waiting for the chance to replace the Stars and Stripes with the red flag of Communism.

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Interpretation B   Adapted from a speech by Robert H Clancy in the late 1920s.

Clancy was a Republican politician from an industrial city in northern USA.
He had a career as a lawyer, journalist and businessman and advised the
US government on the economy.

> Immigrants are no threat to America but are good citizens. They are active in every profession and walk of life. They often do the hard work that many Americans dislike. They have come to this country to stay and to make a new life for themselves. Immigrants take pride in how quickly they have become part of American society and have adapted to our way of life.

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END OF INTERPRETATIONS