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How to use this workbook

This workbook is part of a suite of resources for IGCSE History. The textbook covers the content that you need to know and includes Focus Tasks that develop the analytical thinking about the issues embedded in the Key Questions and Focus Points.

This workbook has more modest aims – it is a course companion that you use alongside your textbook.

- It will help you check your knowledge of the content.
- It should help build your writing confidence as you use your knowledge to write short explanations or arguments using structured writing frames we have provided.
- It will be useful for revision because you will create tables and charts to show, for example, the features or causes of events.

However, it does not offer exam practice and does not require that you write extended answers.

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Sample answers to the questions in the workbooks can be found at www.hoddereducation.co.uk/cambridgeextras

Key Question 1: How far did the US economy boom in the 1920s?

• Factors behind the boom (pages 286–292)

- 1 Use the information in the text boxes below to complete the diagram to summarise the causes of the economic boom. Draw a small sketch next to each factor to illustrate it.

The USA had lots of raw materials such as oil, coal and iron ore.

Low taxes led to higher profits for companies and higher wages.

Assembly lines produced new consumer goods like cars and radios.

US agriculture was the most efficient and productive in the world.

The USA had given war loans to the Allies that had to be repaid.

Advertising on billboards and on radios helped sell new products.

Hire purchase schemes allowed people to buy products on credit.

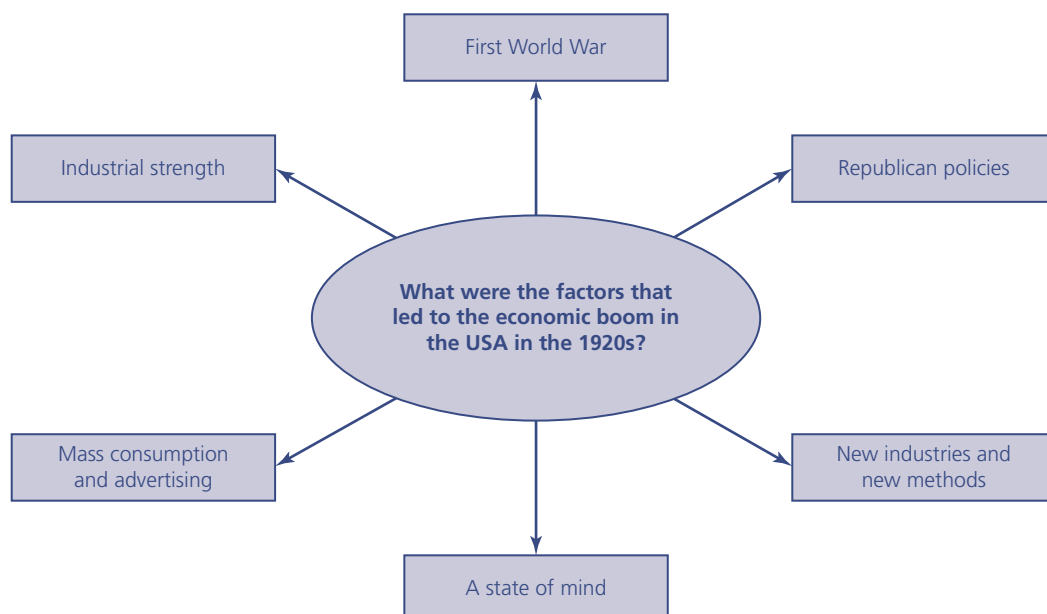
Electricity was more available as well as new inventions like rayon.

The government put tariffs on foreign goods to protect US businesses.

Confidence was high, leading to greater investment in companies.

Banks lent money to people to buy shares 'on the margin'.

US trade prospered from weapons, munitions and food sold to the Allies.



- 2** Use the table below to explain how each factor helped cause an economic boom. Add an example in the middle column from the diagram in question 1. An example has been done for you.

Factor that led to the 'boom'	Example	How did this cause an economic boom in the USA in the 1920s?
US industrial strength	<i>The USA had lots of raw materials such as oil, coal and iron ore.</i>	<i>This would help cause the economic boom because it meant that US industries had easy and cheap access to raw materials, which would lead to cheaper costs, cheaper prices and therefore higher profits.</i>
First World War		
New industries and new methods		
Mass consumption and advertising		
Republican policies		
A state of mind		

- 3** Study page 287 then answer the following questions.

- a** What was the population of the USA by 1923? Where did most people live by this point?

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- b** Why was a higher urban population important for the economic boom?

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- c** Study Figure 1. What raw materials did the USA have plenty of?

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1 KEY QUESTION 1: HOW FAR DID THE US ECONOMY BOOM IN THE 1920S?

d How did these raw materials help fuel an economic boom in the 1920s?

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e Where were the most densely populated areas of the USA?

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f Why would a well-established textile industry such as cotton benefit American industry?

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g Why do you think that over-production in agriculture could cause a problem for farmers?

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4 Study page 288 then answer the following questions.

a How did the First World War benefit the USA?

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b How did involvement in the First World War affect the chemicals industry in the USA?

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c How did the First World War impact the aviation (aircraft) industry?

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- d** How did the First World War help and hinder the USA's 'second industrial revolution'? Use the text boxes provided to complete the table below.

Farmers sold foodstuffs to the Allies leading to over-production at the end of the war.

The USA took over European trade during the war, forming new markets for US goods.

Arms sales to Europe led to industrial growth and massive profits to invest.

US banks gave war loans to the Allies which had to be paid back with interest.

There was a minor depression from 1920 to 1921 as US industry readjusted to peacetime.

New industries grew in the USA such as chemicals, explosives and later plastics.

Helped	Hindered

- 5** Study pages 288–289. How did the policies of the Republican presidents help cause the economic boom in the USA in the 1920s? Link together the heads and tails in the table below by drawing lines.

Heads (policies)	Tails (explanation)
Laissez-faire	This would help cause the economic boom because it meant foreign goods were more expensive so people in the USA would buy American, leading to greater profits.
Rugged individualism	This would help cause the economic boom because it meant business was left alone to expand and make profits without government regulations increasing their costs.
Low taxation	This would help cause the economic boom because it allowed the 'captains of industry' (e.g. steel and oil) to control a vital sector of industry and make huge profits leading to an increase in share prices.
Tariffs	This would help cause the economic boom because people were expected to solve their own problems, which would decrease government spending and promote business.
Trusts	This would help cause the economic boom because it allowed businesses to make higher profits, pay higher wages and allowed people to spend more of their income on new goods.

- 6** Read the information and study the sources on pages 290–291 of your textbook, then complete the tasks below.

- a** Who revolutionised the automobile industry in the USA?

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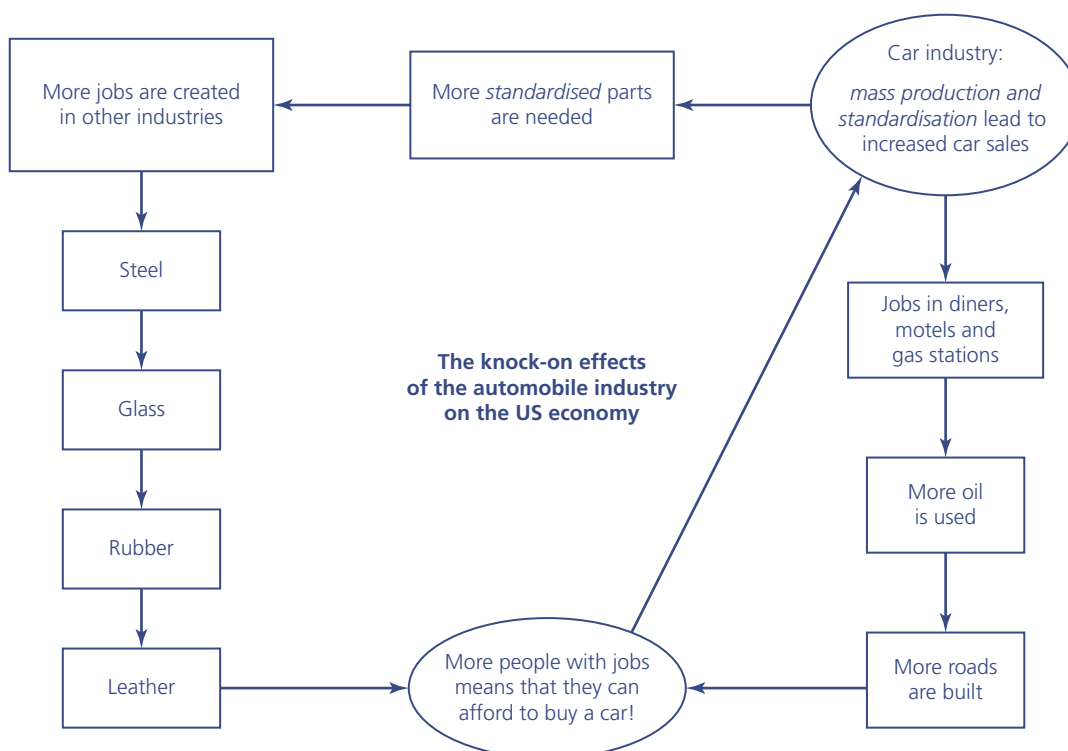
b Briefly describe how this system of mass production worked.

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c Study the diagram below which shows the knock-on effects of the automobile industry on the US economy, then answer the questions that follow.



i What other industries benefited from the automobile industry in the USA?

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ii Describe how the automobile industry led to the creation of more jobs.

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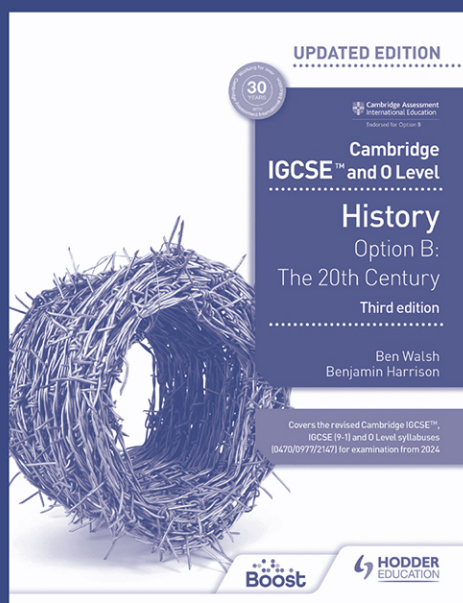
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iii What industry was the single biggest employer in the USA in the 1920s?

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