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# GCSE HISTORY

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

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## Interpretations Booklet

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

**Interpretation A** John Gates, in his book 'The Story of an American Communist' published in 1959.

In the early 1930s Gates was a student. He had discovered the writings of Karl Marx in which he said that 'he found the answers to the causes of the Depression, socialism and a world brotherhood of man'. Soon afterwards he joined the Young Communist League.

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We planned a demonstration of the unemployed during President Roosevelt's inauguration on March 4, 1933. ... It sounded to me like a possible dictatorship.

**Interpretation B** Rexford Tugwell in his book 'The Democratic Roosevelt' published in 1957.

Tugwell was a member of the Democratic Party and a close friend of Franklin D Roosevelt. In 1932 he joined a team to advise Roosevelt during the presidential election. Roosevelt consulted Tugwell about the banking crisis and the New Deal.

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When Roosevelt died ... For that was being talked about when he took charge.

## END OF INTERPRETATIONS

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