

How to answer the exam questions

Question 1: Source analysis

About the question



AQA exam-style question

Source A supports/opposes/is critical of ... How do you know?
Explain your answer using **Source A** and your contextual knowledge.

4 marks

This question is asking you to analyse sources contemporary to the period (AO3). You will need to make inferences about the message of the source and use contextual knowledge to help explain the point the artist is trying to make. The source will be in a separate source booklet. It will usually be a cartoon or a poster, and information about the source will be given in the caption.

As this question is only worth 4 marks, you only need to write a short paragraph to answer it – be concise and focused. Take around 5 minutes to answer this question in the exam.

According to the mark scheme:

- Answers that don't get any marks will fail to answer the question or describe a feature of the source.
- Level 1 (1–2 marks) answers will describe a feature of the source and support this with some knowledge.
- Level 2 (3–4 marks) answers will describe a feature of the source and analyse how the source supports/opposes/is critical of whatever is stated in the question. The answer will be supported by knowledge that is related to the feature described.