

## Course details

**Course title**

History: USA: 1940 - 1972 A Divided Union

**Course code**

Q00017704

**Course date**

Start: 04/11/24

End: 09/12/24

**Number of classes**

6 sessions

**Timetable**

Mon 4th Nov, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 11th Nov, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 18th Nov, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 25th Nov, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 2nd Dec, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 9th Dec, 10:30 to 12:30

**Branch**

Berkhamsted Branch

**Tutor**

Michael Long

**Fee range**

Free to £50.40

## How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

## Venue

Friends Meeting House (Berkhamsted)  
289 High Street  
Berkhamsted  
HP4 1AJ

## Level of study

Beginners

## Course overview

In 1989, the songwriter Billy Joel was told by a friend that “Things are different today. You were a kid in the fifties, and everybody knows that nothing happened in the fifties.” As a result, he wrote ‘We didn’t start the fire’ to highlight how the post-war decades shaped the world we live in today. Join us for this fascinating 6 week course where you will look at the crucial events that occurred between 1940 and 1972 in USA and reflect about their significance back then as well as how it translates into today’s society.

## Course description

The USA in 1940 was a nation that was yet to emerge from the economic depression of the 1930s. The war changed that and changed America’s outlook on the world. Yet, the nation that fought Hitler and Naziism for freedom and democracy did so with armed forces that were segregated. The war had a profound effect on the status of American women in society and kick-started the movement toward Civil Rights reform. As the USA emerged from the war as a global superpower, she turned inwards as she confronted Communists, real and imaginary, at home and abroad. These are the decades of Containment, Cold War and Consumerism – the USA 1940 - 72.

Do you want to know more about the changes that occurred during these fundamental years of US history? Join us today

## What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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