

Topics for the graduation exam on the Civilisation of the English Speaking World

(a list of references)

The United Kingdom

1. General political, social, geographical facts and figures
2. Literature: readings related to prominent figures/events of history
3. Historical buildings and related historical events/figures
4. Historical events: ancient times, early Middle Ages
5. Historical events: Middle Ages
6. State form, politics and political parties
7. The Parliament
8. The election rules
9. Sports, Animals in sport
10. A prominent political figure
11. Education- build-up, past, present issues; alternative education forms
12. Social issues and traditions: British cuisine
13. Social issues and traditions: Festivals, holidays and traditions
14. Arts: the world of a British music era
15. Geography: National parks and ecotourism
16. Literature: a feminist writer
17. Architecture: a prominent venue and related historical events/figures

The United States of America

1. General political, social facts and figures
2. Geographical differences
3. Literature: readings related to prominent figures/events of history
4. Historical event: the Great Depression
5. Historical event: early history of the states
6. Historical event: the Civil War
7. Historical event: post-war period and role changes
8. State form, politics and political parties
9. The Constitution- political, historical background
10. Election rules and political parties- also: contrasting the Hungarian system
11. Recent and past political issues
12. Sports, fraternities
13. A prominent political figure
14. A US President: related political and historical events
15. Education- fraternities, universities
16. Social issues and traditions: American cuisine, the history of fast food
17. Social issues and traditions: Festivals and traditions
18. Social issues: Immigration, Assimilation process- also: Hungarian links
19. Social issues : Individualism, patriotism
20. Arts: fashion and lifestyle of the Roaring Twenties, a relating reading
21. Literature: a reading related to a prominent writer/historical event

Canada

1. General political, geographical, social figures and facts
2. Immigration, life standards- also: Hungarian links
3. The emergence of the nation
4. Geographical differences