

4.9 The Development of an American Culture

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KEY WORDS new national culture 新的民族文化 • judicial review 司法审查

Objective

Build the skills to explain the **new national culture** 新的民族文化.

You must be able to:

- state the three elements the new culture combined
- name the two influences on literature and the arts
- explain what 'human perfectibility' contributed
- connect this subtopic to the reform movements

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Three elements

A new national culture emerged that combined American elements, European influences, and regional cultural sensibilities. The regional element is in the definition of the national culture.

■ Two influences

Liberal social ideas from abroad and Romantic beliefs in human perfectibility influenced literature, art, philosophy, and architecture.

■ Perfectibility

If people can be improved, then institutions that fail them can be reformed. The belief supplies the premise the reform movements of 4.11 argue from.

■ The connection

4.9 and 4.11 are the same intellectual development seen twice: once as culture and once as politics. An answer that keeps them apart misses why the reform movements arose when they did.

2 Practice

2.1 State the three elements the new culture combined. [3]

2.2 Name the two influences on literature and the arts. [2]

2.3 Perfectibility connects to reform.

(a) Explain the connection. [2]

(b) State what an answer keeping 4.9 and 4.11 apart misses. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The new national culture combined American elements, European influences and [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** regional cultural sensibilities
B foreign languages only
C nothing else
D military traditions

3.2 Romantic beliefs concerned [1]

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| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** human perfectibility
B hereditary rank
C trade policy
D judicial review

3.3 A society believes people can be improved.

(a) State what follows for its institutions.

[1]

(b) Explain why this produces reform movements.

[2]
