

Spanish Contemporary History
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Topic 1: From the II Republic (1931-36) to the Civil War (1936-39)

What were the major achievements and failures of the Second Republic?
Was the Civil War inevitable? Why did Franco win it?

Topic 2: Legacies of the Franco regime

What was the true nature of the Franco regime (1939-1975)?
What were the regime's major achievements and failures?

Topic 3: Spain's transition to democracy

How was a democratic system of government established in Spain after Franco's death?
What were the major successes and shortcomings of Spain's transition to democracy?

Topic 4: The PSOE's 'long government' and its legacies

What were the major successes and shortcomings of the PSOE in office (1982-96)?
In what ways did Spain's economy and society change during this period?

Topic 5: Spain's evolving international role

How has Spain's international role evolved during the second half of the 20th century?
What has membership of the European Union entailed for Spain?

Topic 6: The revenge of history?

How is the past relevant to contemporary social and political debates?
What 'unfinished business' is Spanish society still trying to digest?

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