

IB History – Assignment 3 – due 20 August 2021

You are going to write an essay on a topic of your choice.

It would be lovely for you to use the research that you have done in the previous two assignments, but if you want to go off-piste feel free!

Step 1 - The topic.

Pick something that really interests you and will engage you in writing. I would personally pick something on the Tudors or 18th & 19th Social protest in Britain as they are my favourite parts of

Step 2 – The question.

I can't tell you what question to focus on because you will all be choosing different topics.

But you do need to be careful about how you construct your question.

1. Consider – a small event e.g. the Field of Cloth of Gold.
2. Think about the second order concept that you will use: cause and consequence, significance, change and continuity, perspectives. For example – impact of the Field of Cloth of Gold on the relationship between France and England in the early 16th Century.
3. Make sure that there is something that you can hang an argument. “How influential was the Field of Cloth of Gold in 1520 on the relationship between France and England in the early 16th Century?” The concept here is duelled: both consequence and significance, that is okay.

Step 3 – The research.

When you research you need to keep a note of everywhere that you get your information: websites, podcasts, documentaries, books, magazine articles everything!

Write it down with the research (if it is a website the date that you accessed the website).

You should aim to use historians perspectives (interpretations) and contemporary sources (ones from the time period that you are studying).

Step 4 – The answer – 1500 words!

Try to follow this structure – remember to link your research and arguments back to the question.

Introduction – set up your argument.

Body paragraphs – try to factorise your response into different paragraphs and here you will be using the words to answer your question. You should include quotes from historians and things (quotes or examples) from your sources to support the argument.

Judgement – you need a final answer, what is the conclusion that you come to. Note, if it is different to your introduction judgement something has gone wrong!

I would LIKE you to try and reference your historians and sources used... Please see this guide to help you with this. You should also include a bibliography (list of ALL of the things you used to help you with the essay).

HISTORY: Your guide to referencing...

We are going to use **Oxford referencing**, it is a little bit like Harvard referencing, as it involves footnotes rather than in text citation.

What will it look like in a bibliography?

Your bibliography should contain an alphabetised list of all the resources that you have used for your essay - EVERYTHING.

Hawkey N, 'How do I write a bibliography?', Sevenoaks, Knole Academy Press LTD, 2021.

What will it look like in the text of my essay?

... was by no means the first to make this classical connection. As Dr. Peter Londey says of Bean he 'turned for inspiration to the new, young radical democracy of Athens in the fifth century BC'.¹ Yet an early report of the Gallipoli landing indicated that the strain of the battle caused discipline to break down and for many soldiers to 'lose they way'.² In the intervening years public opinion has oscillated between these two points of view, remaining steadfastly 'pro ANZAC' until the end of the 1950s,³ then anti-war during the 1960s and 1970s, 'settling in the last decade to somewhere in the middleground'.⁴

¹ P. Londey, 'A Possession Forever: Charles Bean, the Ancient Greeks, and Military Commemoration in Australia', *Australian Journal of Politics and History*, vol. 53, no. 3, 2007, p. 345.

² M. Lake and H. Reynolds, *What's Wrong with ANZAC?: The Militisation of Australian History*, Sydney, University of New South Wales Press, 2010, p. 8.

³ Londey, 'A Possession Forever', p. 352.

⁴ Lake and Reynolds, *What's Wrong with ANZAC?*, p. 38.

If you have used the full footnote once on a page, you can then shorten it... Once you get the hand of referencing it is really easy to do.

You can reference documentaries, podcasts, magazine articles etc., just speak to your teacher. Or, look on the internet to check.

Most importantly, ALWAYS make sure you have the bibliographical information before you commit yourself to using the information found.