

TOPICS SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2009

IB Topics in Twentieth Century History is a challenging but rewarding course. While most students can succeed in Topics, success requires significant out-of-class work and demands dedication to learning both new content and skills. Students who are not committed to academic excellence should reconsider their course options.

Each Topics student must complete the following assignment due the first day of class. Late work will not only result in the loss of one letter grade each calendar day it is late, but will hamper student ability to be successful in this course, and send a message of non-commitment.

1. **IA Folder (2 copies - 1 old, 1 new)** **50 points**
 - a. Get a folder - Label it "History IA" with your name.
 - b. Put your graded (by your HOA teacher) IA in the folder
 - c. Over the summer, edit your IA using your HOA teacher's comments and the following guidelines:
 1. Plan of Investigation: Make sure each part of your plan addresses both what you are looking AT and what you are looking FOR.
 - i. This must include specifics: "Evaluate population data for Washington, DC from 1900 to 1950 (AT) to see if there was a significant change in the *trend of population increase* during FDR's presidential terms (FOR)"
 - ii. This must include goals that you can (and do) actually meet: Look over the rest of your paper: If you do not achieve ALL of the goals set out in your POI, that is okay. If you do not achieve ANY of the goals set out in your POI, then what was the point of the POI?
 - iii. If any part of your plan says simply "I am going to look at sources on the internet/in books" fix it. That is not a plan of investigation that is a random statement.
 2. Summary of Evidence:
 - i. This must provide evidence that actually helps to answer YOUR question. If you mention anything else in your paper that does not have roots in your SOE, then you have messed up and made assumptions. This is the place for good quotes, numbers, data, etc.
 - ii. Everything in here must be cited unless it is general knowledge. If you have no citations, you will fail this project.
 - iii. You must follow one approved form of citation - doing your own thing is not acceptable - you must follow guidelines: decide what format you are using - MLA or APA and then follow it COMPLETELY.
 - iv. Your citations must be clear and obvious. Books should reference page numbers. Web Sites should be printed out so that you can use them for reference during your senior year. The date the site was visited must be documented - yes seriously.
 3. Evaluation of Sources:
 - i. Only evaluate 2 sources - 1 paragraph for each source
 - ii. If you evaluated your textbook or an encyclopedia, choose something new.
 - iii. You should address OPVL completely. Does your paragraph explain each point?
 4. Analysis:
 - i. You must analyze evidence in your SOE. So if your analysis does not reference (not *repeat*, but *reference as you analyze*) information provided in your SOE, then you are not doing what is expected for this section.
 - ii. Do you address why this topic is an important historical investigation?
 - iii. Do you consider different interpretations? Do you shoot them down as you prove your own?
 5. Conclusion: you will work on your conclusion in the fall, but do you actually answer your question?
 6. Sources/Works Cited:
 - i. Is this in Alphabetical order?
 - ii. Does it follow one format? Really? What format? Are you sure?
 - d. Put your edited IA in the folder.

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*The new IA must accompany the one you submitted in HOA.

*The new IA **must** reflect changes.

*An exact copy of the HOA IA will earn 0 points.

**If you have decided that you would like to completely change your IA topic, you must discuss this with Mr. Racek or Ms. Kelly before you leave for the summer. This is a very poor decision to make in September and will lead to un-necessary stress and work.

***It is not the responsibility of your teacher to print out your paper. Do not send this in an e-mail or claim that your printer ran out of ink. 3 months is enough time to plan ahead.

2. MEGABINDER

25 points

Bring in your HOA megabinder for review.

It must be complete - containing all required HOA materials.

3. HOA REVIEW QUIZ

50 points

Quiz includes a multiple choice component and an essay outline including: a thesis, three main ideas with supporting evidence (key terms, names, and dates), and at least two direct quotes from your time in HOA.

The essay will address either: Colonial Era, Civil War, or USFPLA

Plan ahead and be sure to review the material.

ALL COMPONENTS OF THIS ASSIGNMENT ARE DUE SEPT 8/9, 2009 - NO EXCEPTIONS

Questions???

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