

IB History 2 Summer Assignment

One of the primary works of seniors in IB history is the Historical Investigation, also called the Internal Assessment. If you are a higher level student this counts for 20% of your IB score, and if you are a standard level student this counts for 25% of your score. Hence it is very important to achieve a good score on this paper. This is also the only part of your IB score that is not timed; you can spend as much time as you want on it. We will not be spending any class time working on this paper; you are to be working on this during your own time, with support provided during our learning seminars. This summer assignment is an important step towards reaching this goal. By the second day of class, you must provide the following material:

1. A broad topic area chosen from one of the below topics:
 - a. 20th Century Wars, including but not limited to
 - i. World War I
 - ii. World War II
 - iii. The Korean War
 - iv. The Vietnam War
 - v. Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
 - vi. Any of the Arab-Israeli wars (including the wars of 1956, 1967 or 1973)
 - b. 20th Century Dictators or Single Party States including but not limited to
 - i. Nazi Germany under Hitler
 - ii. Fascist Italy under Mussolini
 - iii. The Soviet Union
 - iv. Communist China
 - v. Egypt under Nasser or Sadat
 - vi. Cuba under Castro
 - vii. Tanzania under Nyerere
 - c. Interwar Peacekeeping and International Diplomacy
 - d. The Arab-Israeli Conflict
 - e. The Cold War
 - f. **Topics not from this list may be pursued with the permission of either Ms. Croon or Mr. Vagts**
2. A list of five authoritative sources. These must be quality sources suitable for inclusion in an academic paper. Material from Questia or JStor works, as does most printed material. Most random internet sites do not. No general encyclopedia or other tertiary sources count as an authoritative source.
3. Two pages of bullet pointed notes from each of the five sources (for a total of ten pages). These must be typed with 12 point font, single spaced, and one inch margins.
4. A list of three specific theses you can create a paper around based on the information you have obtained from your research.

This will be worth a first quarter test grade, and represents a good amount of work. Do not wait until the last minute to begin this! Late penalties on test grades are a sad thing.

If you have questions concerning topics or sources please contact Mr. Vagts at bkvagts@fcps.edu or Ms. Croon at jcroon@fcps.edu. Do not expect a prompt reply during the summer.