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IB History

Internal Assessment

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Section 1: Identification and evaluation of sources

This is the first thing your reader will see, so draw them in. You should have a sentence or two of dramatic setup that makes your topic sound interesting before hitting us with the facts. This paragraph should also explain what the topic itself is, and for some topics that is going to require specifying when and where you are looking at. It is still formal writing, however, so the paper should be typed and double-spaced in one of the Chambers-approved fonts, and you should be using correct grammar, writing only in third person, avoiding contractions, and not using conjunctions to begin sentences. In case you are not aware: the word “however” is a conjunction. There should be page numbers in the same font style as the paper, but in ten point size. The last sentence of this paragraph should be your actual question.

The rest of section one is about your two main sources. You should choose two sources with plenty of information about the topic, but they should probably be two that either disagree or approach the topic in different ways, or are different types of sources. For each source, you need to tell what the source actually is and why it is relevant to the investigation. Then, making reference to the sources’ origins, purposes, and contents, you should explain the value and limitations of each to the investigation. You can choose to talk about one source and then the other for one to two paragraphs each, or you can go point-by-point to talk about the origin of both, the value of both, etc.

No matter how you choose to order it, you will need multiple paragraphs to talk about your sources. It should total somewhere around 500 words, and you should put the number of words in parentheses on its own line at the end of the section. This is where that evaluation

goes, so the rest of the sample section one is filler text to show that. This is where the text goes. This is where the text goes. This is where the text goes. This is where the text goes.

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Section 2: Investigation

This is the section where you need to put all of your information and facts from all of your sources. It is okay if they contradict each other, since that is where your analysis comes in. Analyze means to break down, so you need to break down the facts and figure out what is more or less important or accurate or biased and how they fit together. For specific facts or quotes, you should use Chicago style footnotes to cite. Footnotes should be in the same font style as the paper, but in ten point size, and the first line only of each footnote should be indented. Your last paragraph of this section should be a conclusion that answers your initial question.

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