

IB History, Year II Summer Assignment

Part 1: The History Internal Assessment

Traditionally, you would be expected to have a rough draft of your History IA to hand in when we came back in the fall. However, this year has necessitated some changes in the way we will approach this. With this in mind, here are the requirements for the first day of school in August:

1. Visit the following website: <http://ibhistoryia.weebly.com/brief-overview-of-the-ia.html>
 - a. Go through the website to view the different components of the History IA
 - b. Please take notes over what needs to be included in the 3 sections
2. **On the first day of school, you need to come to class with the following information:**
 - a. **3 Potential Topics for your IA, and at least 1 fully formed Research Question for each Topic**
 - b. For each topic, you need to have at least 3 sources about your topic.
 - i. You will compile a bibliography of those sources to bring to class
 - ii. **NOTE: History.com, Wikipedia, Blogs, etc. are NOT acceptable sources!**
3. We will work on Section 1 of the IA during the first few weeks back, before moving on to Section 2.
4. If you want to work ahead, please feel free to do so—if you are confident with your topic. **No topic is final until I approve the topic**

Part 2: Paper One Topic: Move to Global War

The IB History exam consists of 3 “papers” which are really exam questions. You will complete all 3 parts over 2 days in May during the IB Exams. The topics we will cover this year in Year II of the IB History are:

- Paper 1: The Move to Global War
- Paper 2: Authoritarian States & The Global Cold War
- Paper 3: History of the Americas (Which you took Junior Year)

We will begin the year discussing Japan and examining the major events and changes occurring from around 1867 through December of 1941. While you do not have any required work to complete for this part, I would point you to a series of podcasts by Dan Carlin’s “Hardcore History” series called Supernova in the East. The first two episodes are available for free on his website, or through iTunes/Stitcher/Google Play. The first two episodes cover in great detail the information we will be discussing in class in August. They’re very entertaining and would provide some great background knowledge if podcasts were your thing.