Sample Formal Assessment Task Notification

Modern History – Year 11

# Historical Investigation

***Sample for implementation for Year 11 from 2018***

**Context**

In class, students have investigated methods and issues which relate to the study of the modern world. The Historical Investigation presents an opportunity for students to further develop relevant investigative, research and presentation skills. Students are encouraged to select an area of interest from modern world history to investigate.

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| **Task number:** 2 | **Weighting:** 30% | **Timing:** Term 2, Week 9 |
| **Outcomes assessed**  A student:  **MH11-4** accounts for the different perspectives of individuals and groups  **MH11-5** examines the significance of historical features, people, ideas, movements, events and developments of the modern world  **MH11-6** analyses and interprets different types of sources for evidence to support an historical account or argument  **MH11-8** plans and conducts historical investigations and presents reasoned conclusions, using relevant evidence from a range of sources  **MH11-9** communicates historical understanding, using historical knowledge, concepts and terms, in appropriate and well-structured forms  **MH11-10** discusses contemporary methods and issues involved in the investigation of modern history | | |
| **Nature of the task**  You are to select an area of interest, from the modern period, which you will investigate and research. You will present your findings in the form of an oral presentation and a written reflection. The oral presentation and written reflection are due on the date specified by your teacher.  You may wish to select one of the following to research in relation to your chosen area of interest:   * aspects of society as revealed through sources * the causes and impacts of an historical event * the significance of an historical development * tracing the development of an aspect of the past over time through a thematic approach * the analysis of an historical debate * the contribution of an historical site to our understanding of the past * constructions of the modern world (eg an interpretation or representation of an individual, group or event) * the nature of social and cultural change in a decade of the 20th century.   When selecting a topic, take into account the availability of information and a variety of sources.  **The investigation must not overlap with or duplicate significantly any topic to be attempted in the Year 12 Modern History or History Extension courses.** This should be checked with your teacher. | | |
| **Nature of the task (continued)**  Oral presentation (five minutes)  You will present the findings of your historical investigation to the class through a five minute oral presentation. You will need to present the question or area of study that you have developed followed by the conclusions you have come to through the analysis and use of evidence from sources. Include two sources used and demonstrate the analysis you applied in order to determine the evidence.  Written reflection (500 words)  Your written reflection must focus on the process of historical investigation undertaken.  You will need to reflect on one or more of the following:   * planning your investigation * analysis of sources * problems related to sources * development and analysis of historical interpretations * selecting and organising information * development of conclusions. | | |
| **Marking criteria**  You will be assessed on how well you:   * conduct an historical investigation and present reasoned conclusions, using evidence * analyse and interpret a range of sources * reflect on the historical investigation process * communicate a logical, structured and cohesive response, using historical knowledge, concepts and terms. | | |
| **Feedback provided**   * Feedback throughout the selection and investigation of the chosen question/area of study * Annotations of marking guidelines noting strengths and areas for improvement * Discussion with teacher about ways forward to build on knowledge, understanding and skills for future learning | | |

## **Marking guidelines**

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| A student: | **Mark range** |
| * provides a comprehensive analysis and interpretation of different types of sources for evidence * presents sophisticated conclusions to support an historical account or argument through the use of relevant evidence from a range of sources * presents a clear and considered reflection of the process of conducting an historical investigation * develops a sophisticated and well-structured response, supported by relevant and accurate historical knowledge, concepts and terms | 25–30 |
| * provides a thorough analysis and interpretation of different types of sources for evidence * presents sound conclusions to support an historical account or argument through the use of relevant evidence from a range of sources * presents a considered reflection of the process of conducting an historical investigation * develops a well-structured response, supported by relevant historical knowledge, concepts and terms | 19–24 |
| * provides a sound analysis AND/OR interpretation of sources for evidence * presents general conclusions, which may support an historical account or argument, through the use of relevant evidence from sources * presents a reflection of the process of conducting an historical investigation * develops a structured response, supported by relevant historical knowledge, concepts and terms | 13–18 |
| * makes reference to sources for evidence; attempts to provide an analysis of sources * attempts to present conclusions through the use of evidence from sources * makes reference to the process of conducting an historical investigation * presents a basic response using some historical knowledge, concepts and terms | 7–12 |
| * makes limited use of sources for evidence * limited attempt to reflect upon the process of conducting an historical investigation, no mention of contemporary methods used * presents limited information through simple statements | 1–6 |