

20th Century World Topics Summer Assignment -- 2015

1. Join our class for next year in Google Classroom. The class code is **yt5m9b**
2. Read chapter 7 of former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's book ***Diplomacy*** -- this can be found on Google Classroom. Be prepared to discuss the changing political environment in Europe at the start of the 20th century. Students who feel they need a refreshment over the political challenges within Europe during the 19th century may choose to also read chapters 5 - 6.
3. Write a summary of the information from the article. You will be graded using the rubric below.
4. With reference to the origin and purpose, assess the value and limitations of this source for historians studying the political climate of Europe leading to the First World War.

<u>Achievement Level</u>	<u>Percentage Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>I.B. Score Equivalent</u>
8	100	Exceeds "Student exceeded in applying..."	7
7	93	Advanced High "Student demonstrates highly advanced understanding"	
6	86	Advanced "Student's descriptions were advanced."	6
5	80	Mastery "Student's evaluation shows mastery of..."	5
4	72	Satisfactory "Student's explanation provides satisfactory examples "	4
3	65	Progressing "Student's application is progressing with..."	3
2	58	Limited "Student gives limited samples..."	2
1	51	Minimal "Student shows minimal analysis" "Evidence of...is missing"	1
0	0	Missing No work turned in to evaluate.	0

Rubric for OPVL: The OPVL should be written in a paragraph form with explicit references to the origin, purpose, value, and limitations of the work. The origin will be provided for you below. You should write a separate paragraph for the purpose, value, and limitation. This paper will be worth a total of six marks. Observations on the work should be specific in detail but brief in their description.

6 marks = 100

5 marks = 93

4 marks = 80

3 marks = 72

2 marks = 65

1 mark = 51

Origin: Chapter seven from the book ***Diplomacy*** by Henry Kissinger, 1994. Henry Kissinger was an American Secretary of State under Richard Nixon that helped negotiate détente with China and the Soviet Union, as well as peace in the Vietnam War.

Below is an example of this format for an OPVL from a former IB student on Paper One from a previous year:

Source E is taken from a book entitled "Torn and an entangling alliance: America isolationism, internationalism, and Europe, 1901-1930", written by, Ronald E Poweski, an American historian, in 1991.

The purpose of the source is to inform people on how American isolationism, internationalism and events in Europe affected alliances during the years 1901-1930.

The value of the source is that it puts the consequences of the Ruhr crisis in context to how it affected international relations. Also, as it was written by an American historian specializing in twentieth century history, it would have been researched in detail. Also, it was written many years after the crisis, and so is unlikely to be biased.

The limitation of the source is that the source may not provide sufficient in-depth analysis of the consequences of the crisis, because the source focuses on a larger scope of events in a fairly long time frame, and so they may not have been enough space at time to do such.