

INTRODUCTION - EXAMPLE 1

Question: *Discuss the assertion that Hitler bore sole responsibility for the outbreak of war in Europe in 1939*

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INTRODUCTION - EXAMPLE 2

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INTRODUCTION - EXAMPLE 3

Question: *To what extent can Germany be held responsible for the outbreak of World War II?*

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The historical context - where, when and what was presented in the first part of the essay - the background!