

Skyddad: IA Topics and Sources

IA TOPICS + SOME SOURCES

The purpose of the History IA is that you as a student can show the ability to write a semi-academic History Paper. It's not the most odd, unique and unusual IA's that receive the best results – it's more often the common usual topic that scores well. Why? Because it's a topic often discussed by historians so you will never have a problem to find sources – and the arguments the historians use. To help you get going with your IA I have prepared some common topics and copied a few sources (mostly textbooks) so you can get started. Look at these topics and get back to me with the topic you decided to focus on.

Weimar Republic and the Third Reich – Germany 1919-1945

- 1. Why did the Weimar Republic collapse in the early 1930's?*
- 2. To what extent was it the economic crisis in Germany during the Weimar Republic that brought Hitler to power 1933?*
- 3. To what extent was the NSDAP behind the Reichstag Fire in February 1933?*
- 4. Was Hitler a weak dictator of the Third Reich?*

Sources:

- 1. Aaron Wilkes – 20th Century Studies – Germany 1918-1939*
- 2. Evans and Jenkins – Years of Weimar and the Third Reich – Part 1*
- 3. Evans and Jenkins – Years of Weimar and the Third Reich – Part 2*
- 4. Evans and Jenkins – Years of Weimar and the Third Reich – Part 3*
- 5. Hite and Hinton – Weimar and Nazi Germany – Part 1*
- 6. Hite and Hinton – Weimar and Nazi Germany – Part 2*
- 7. Geoff Layton – From Second Reich to Third Reich – Germany 1918-1945*
- 8. Christian Leitz – The Third Reich*
- 9. Percy Ernst Schramm – Hitler the man and the military leader*
- 10. Authoritarian And Single-Party States – Germany and Hitler – Allan Todd and Sally Walker – Cambridge 2011-1*
- 11. Authoritarian States – Course Companion – Germany and Hitler – Gray, Perera, Aylward and Habibi – Oxford 2015*
- 12. Origins And Development Of Authoritarian And Single-Party States – Germany and Hitler –*

12. *Origins And Development Of Authoritarian And Single-Party States – Germany and Hitler – Michael Lynch – Hodder 2013*
13. *Stephen J. Lee – Hitler coming into power and German Foreign Policy*
14. *Frank McDonough – Hitler and Nazi Germany*
15. *Documents and Debates – The Weimar Republic*
16. *Documents and Debates – Nazism – A Problem of Perception*

Russia and the USSR 1917-1953

5. *Why was the Bolshevik October Revolution 1917 successful?*
6. *Why did the White side loose the Russian Civil War?*
7. *Why did Stalin succeed Lenin?*
8. *To what extent was Stalin involved in the killing of Kirov 1934?*
9. *To what extent was Stalin behind the Great Purges in the USSR in the late 1930's?*

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1. *Authoritarian And Single-Party States – USSR and Stalin – Allan Todd and Sally Walker – Cambridge 2011-1*
2. *Origins And Development Of Authoritarian And Single-Party States – USSR and Stalin – Michael Lynch – Hodder 2013*
3. *Chris Corin and Terry Fiehn – Communist Russia under Lenin and Stalin*
4. *Michael Lynch – Bolshevik and Stalinist Russia 1918-56 Third Edition*
5. *Stephen J. Lee – Last Years of Tsarist Russia and the Bolshevik Revolution*
6. *The Bolshevik Revolution – Why did it Succeed*
7. *Documents and Debates – Russian Revolution – A Question of Causation*
8. *Documents and Debates – Lenin and Stalin – A Character of Stalinism*

China and Mao 1949-1976

10. *Why did the Chinese Communist Party win the Chinese Civil War 1949?*
11. *How could Mao Zedong "survive" the failure of the "Great Leap Forward"?*
12. *To what extent did the Chinese Cultural Revolution help Mao Zedong stay in power?*

Sources:

1. *The People's Republic of China 1949-1976 – Michael Lynch – Second Edition – Hodder 2008*
2. *Authoritarian And Single-Party States – China and Mao – Allan Todd and Sally Walker –*

Cambridge 2011-1

3. Authoritarian States – Course Companion – China and Mao – Gray, Perera, Aylward and Habibi – Oxford 2015

4. Origins And Development Of Authoritarian And Single-Party States – China and Mao – Michael Lynch – Hodder 2013

5. Textbook – Causes And Effects Of 20th Century Wars – Chinese Civil War – Keely Rogers and Jo Thomas – Second Edition – Pearson 2015

6. Causes, Practices And Effects Of Wars – Chinese Civil War – Andy Dailey and Sarah Lyth – Hodder 2012

7. Causes, Practices And Effects Of Wars – Chinese Civil War – Mike Wells – Cambridge 2011

Cuba and Castro 1959-.... + The Cuban Missile Crisis 1962

13. How could Fidel Castro take control over Cuba in 1959?

14. To what extent was the Cuban Missile Crisis 1962 a Soviet failure?

Sources:

1. Authoritarian And Single-Party States – Cuba and Castro – Allan Todd and Sally Walker – Cambridge 2011-1

2. Authoritarian States – Course Companion – Cuba and Castro – Gray, Perera, Aylward and Habibi – Oxford 2015

3. Origins And Development Of Authoritarian And Single-Party States – Cuba and Castro – Michael Lynch – Hodder 2013

4. The Cold War Superpower Tensions And Rivalries – Course Companion – Alexis Mamaux – Oxford 2015

5. ESSENCE OF DECISION Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis Part 1

6. ESSENCE OF DECISION Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis Part 2

7. One Hell of a Gamble Part 1

8. One Hell of a Gamble Part 2

9. Robert F Kennedy 13 Days

10. The Kennedy Tapes

11. Chrusjtjovs Memoarer – Om Kuba (in Swedish)

12. Baloyra and Morris Conflict and Change in CUBA

NOTE: Most of the sources above comes from IB Textbooks. In these textbooks you will find several quotes; arguments and opinions from historians. Try to find a few books of some of the historians and add it to your IA. You might come across a few other questions that would be possible to investigate with the help of these sources. If you do – contact me and present the question before you start the investigation.