

## SECTION C

This History IA requires you to think and work like a historian. In this section, you reflect on the methods used by, and the challenges faced by, you as the historian. Relate this reflection specifically to your particular investigation and your experiences as a historian.

Suggested word count: 400.

The following are questions from the IB Guide and are examples of discussion questions that may help your reflection:

- What methods used by historians did you use in your investigation?
- What did your investigation highlight to you about the limitations of those methods?
- What are the challenges facing the historian? How do they differ from the challenges facing a scientist or a mathematician?
- What challenges in particular does archive-based history present?
- How can the reliability of sources be evaluated?
- What is the difference between bias and selection?
- What constitutes a historical event?
- Who decides which events are historically significant?
- Is it possible to describe historical events in an unbiased way?
- What is the role of the historian?
- Should terms such as “atrocious” be used when writing about history, or should value judgments be avoided?
- If it is difficult to establish proof in history, does that mean that all versions are equally acceptable?

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