

Title: To what extent did Carolus Rex's Russian Campaign 1707-09 contribute to the downfall of the Swedish Empire?

Criterion A: 2 marks

The question for the investigation is stated. The focused period though seems a bit too long – it would have been better to limit to the early 1700's. Two secondary non-contemporary sources were evaluated; one textbook about Swedish History “*A Concise History of Sweden*” by a British historian Neil Kent and published in 2008 and Voltaire's book “*History of Charles XII, King of Sweden*” published in France 1731. The candidate explains in what way these sources were relevant to the investigation, but there must be more relevant and detailed sources to use as samples (and evaluate). The choice is not very convincing, and the evaluation also lacks several aspects (and later – the Voltaire source is never used).

Criterion B: 3 marks

The investigation is fairly well organized, and it gives some information about the general downfall of the Swedish “*Empire*” in the early 1700's. One problem with this text is that it basically comes from one(!) source (Neil Kent). Another problem is that it does not focus on the Russian Campaign of 1707-09. These problem has a great impact and leads to very low marks.

Criterion C: 2 marks

The reflection brings up some methods used and some challenges that the candidate and historians face. It's not a very developed reflection, but it still brings the methods up + challenges and make a bit of a connection with the candidate's investigation. This part can, like the rest of the investigation, improve.

Total: 6 marks