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| **What will we be learning?**Topic Based Essay  | **Why this? Why now?**The topic based essay is an extended essay of 3000–4000 words, arising from independent study and research, on a topic of your choice.The Topic based essay brings together the skills from all three externally assessed units in an independently researched enquiry. | **Key Words:**AnalyseArgumentBibliographyConclusionDeadlinesEvaluateEvidenceHistoriansInterpretationsJudgementObjectivePre-ReadingProvenanceReferenceRe-ReadingResearchSkim ReadingSourcesSubjective |
| **What will we learn?*** What are the key requirements of the Topic Based Essay?
* Choosing a topic
* Doing Your Research
* Referencing
* Reading and Taking Notes
* Choosing a question
* Planning an Essay
* Introductions
* Primary Sources
* Developing your Argument, Building a Paragraph
* Developing your argument using Secondary Sources
* Writing a Conclusion
* Presenting Your Work
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| **What opportunities are there for wider study?**CareersThe skill to independently research and critically evaluate is a key transferable skill for many different careers. VisitsYou may find that visiting university libraries, museums and local/national archives may help with your research.  |
| **How will I be assessed?**The Topic Based essay is an essay of at least 3000-4000 words and is out of 40 marks.The unit assesses AO1, AO2 and AO3 through one piece of written work. Half of the marks will be awarded for AO1, and thus the essay should be driven by use of knowledge and understanding to reach substantiated judgements. A range of primary (AO2) and secondary (AO3) sources should be evident and analysed, but formal critical evaluation is less important than the discerning use of evidence to support analysis,  |