

IB History Topic 1: Causes, practices, effects of war

WWI AND WWII CAUSES

Compare and contrast the causes of the First World War and the Second World War. May 2008

Assess the social and economic causes of one twentieth century war. May 2007

Compare and contrast the reasons for Germany's involvement in the First and Second World Wars. Nov. 2007

Examine the part played by each of the following in the outbreak of the First World War: alliances; mobilization; Balkan nationalism. Nov. 2006

Assess the social and economic causes of one twentieth century war. May 2005

In what ways did the causes of the Second World War differ from the causes of the First World War? May 2004

How valid is the claim that in 1914 states went to war due to fear rather than for motives of gain? Nov. 2004

Assess critically three causes of the First World War. Nov. 2003

Assess the aims of two countries entering the First World War. To what extent were they successful in achieving their aims? Nov. 2002

WWI AND WWII RESULTS

Analyse the economic and social results on the civilian population of one 20th century war. Nov. 2007

With reference to two wars, each chosen from a different region, explain to what extent the role and status of women was affected. Nov. 2006

Analyse the results of either the First or the Second World War. May 2007

Compare and contrast the results of the First and Second World Wars. May 2006

Analyse the results of either the First or the Second World War. May 2005

To what extent do you agree with the view that war accelerates social change? Nov. 2005

Account for either the defeat of the Central Powers in the First World War or the Axis powers in the Second World War. Nov. 2005

Evaluate the social and economic consequences of two 20th century wars. Nov. 2004

Analyse the results of two wars, each chosen from a different region. May 2004

Assess the social and economic effects of one war on two of the countries involved, in the ten years following the end of the war. May 2004

Assess the economic and social impact of EITHER the Arab-Israeli Wars, or the Vietnam War, on the countries involved. Nov. 2003

"War causes more suffering to women than to men." "War liberates women." Using evidence from at least two wars explain which statement you consider is more appropriate. May 2003

TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS

To what extent did changes in military tactics and strategies determine the outcome of 20th century wars? May 2008

Compare and contrast the use of naval warfare in two wars, each chosen from a different period. May 2007

To what extent did technological developments ensure victory in 20th Century Wars? May 2006

Compare and contrast the use of naval warfare in two wars, each chosen from a different period. May 2005

Evaluate the importance of naval warfare in twentieth century wars. Specific examples must be given from at least two wars. May 2004

Assess the role of air power in two 20th century wars. Nov. 2004

How and why did technological developments play an important part in twentieth-century wars? May 2003

LIMITED/TOTAL WAR

"Even in the 20th century the term "total war" could not be applied to any war." To what extent do you agree with this judgement? May 2008

Define the term "limited war". With reference to two wars, each chosen from a different region, explain why they remained limited. Nov. 2007

For what reasons, and with what results, was "limited" warfare a feature of the second half of the 20th Century? May 2007

"No 20th Century war could be called a limited war" - To what extent do you agree? May 2006

Evaluate the contribution made towards the war effort by civilians on both the home front and the battle front in two wars, each chosen from a different region. Nov. 2006

For what reasons, and with what results, was "limited" warfare a feature of the second half of the 20th Century? May 2005

In what ways, and to what extent, was the Second World War "total war"? May 2003

"The most important military development of the 20th Century was the development of nuclear weapons". To what extent do you agree with this judgement? Nov. 2003

CIVIL WARS

Analyze the results of either the Mexican Revolution or the Russian Civil War. May 2008

Examine the impact of foreign intervention on either the Chinese Civil War or the Spanish Civil War. May 2007

"Ideological differences were the most important reasons for both the outbreak of, and outside intervention in, civil wars." Assess the validity of this claim with reference to one of the following: the Russian Civil War; the Chinese Civil War. Nov. 2007

Analyse the causes of either the Spanish Civil War or the Korean War. May 2006

Compare and contrast the reasons for, and impact of, foreign involvement in two of the following: Russian Civil War; Spanish Civil War; Chinese Civil War. Nov. 2006 & 2005

Examine the impact of foreign intervention on either the Chinese Civil War or the Spanish Civil War. May 2005

Analyse the results of two wars, each chosen from a different region. May 2004

Why did foreign intervention occur so frequently in civil wars of the 20th century and what impact did this intervention have on two civil wars each chosen from a different region? Nov. 2004

Analyse the causes and results of one of the following: Chinese Civil War (1945–1949); Mexican Revolution (1910–1940); Spanish Civil War (1936–1939). May 2003

Compare and contrast two wars (excluding the First World War) each chosen from a different region. Nov. 2003

Analyse the reasons for the outcome of one civil war. How did the outcome affect the country in which the war was fought? Nov. 2003

Compare and contrast the causes of the Russian Civil War and the Spanish Civil War. Nov. 2002

MISCELLANEOUS

In what ways and with what results did two war, each chosen from a different region, affect the role and status of women? May 2008

In what ways, and with what success, did post-war peacemakers attempt to deal with the problems which produced the conflict? Specific reference should be made to two peace settlements. Nov. 2006

“Peace settlements create conditions for new conflicts.” With reference to at least two settlements explain to what extent you agree with this statement. Nov. 2005

To what extent did guerilla warfare determine the outcome of the Vietnam War? Nov. 2004

What were the most frequent causes of twentieth-century wars? Specific evidence from at least three wars should be used. May 2003

In what ways, and with what results for twentieth century wars, did tactics change? Nov. 2002

Analyse the use and effects of propaganda in two wars, each chosen from a different region. Nov. 2002

Why were the intentions of those responsible for treaties rarely fulfilled? Nov. 2002

QUESTIONS NOT COVERED

Examine the reasons for, and the contribution of, guerrilla warfare to the outcome of one twentieth-century war. Nov. 2007

With reference to specific examples, account for the adoption of guerilla warfare and assess its effectiveness. Nov. 2006

Why were there so many Arab-Israeli wars between 1948 and 1978? May 2004

IB History Topic 3: The rise and rule of single-party states

RISE TO POWER

Compare and contrast the rise to power of two rulers of single-party states, each chosen from a different region. May 2008

To what extent was ideology an important factor in the rise to power of one of the following: Lenin, Mussolini; Nyerere? Nov. 2007

Analyse the methods used and the conditions which helped in the rise to power of one ruler of a single party state. May 2007

To what extent was the rise to power of either Hitler or Mao due to personal appeal and ability? May 2006

“It was personality and not circumstances that brought rulers of single-party states to power.” To what extent do you agree with this statement? Nov. 2006

Analyse the methods used and the conditions which helped in the rise to power of one ruler of a single party state. May 2005

With reference to two examples each chosen from a different region, to what extent do you agree with the claim that "ideology was the most important factor in the rise to power of single-party leaders"? Nov. 2005

Analyse the methods used by one single-party state ruler in his successful bid for power. May 2004

"Fascism's rise to power in Italy and Germany in the inter-war years largely resulted from the consequences of the First World War." To what extent do you agree with this verdict? Nov. 2004

To what extent was the rise to power of one left wing and one right wing single party ruler, the result of previous political problems? Nov. 2004

Account for the rise to power of one of the following: Castro; Mussolini; Nasser. May 2003

Compare and contrast the rise to power of two rulers of single party states. Nov. 2003

Assess the main difficulties faced by two would-be rulers of single-party states in their bid for power. Nov. 2002

MAINTAINING POWER

"A vigorous foreign policy played a vital part in the maintenance of power of single-party regimes."

With reference to two examples, explain to what extent you agree with this statement. Nov. 2007

Assess the methods used by EITHER Lenin OR Peron to maintain his regime. May 2007

Compare and contrast the influence in their own countries of Hitler and Mao. May 2007

Analyse the methods used to maintain power in two single-party states, each chosen from a different region. Nov. 2006

Assess the methods used by EITHER Lenin OR Peron to maintain his regime. May 2005

Compare and contrast the influence in their own countries of Hitler and Mao. May 2005

Assess the role of economic and social policies as factors explaining the consolidation and maintenance of power of two of the following: Castro, Mussolini, Peron, Nasser. Nov. 2004

Assess the role of terror and force in maintaining the ruler in power in two totalitarian states each chosen from a different region. Nov. 2004

"In order to achieve and retain power a leader of a single-party state needed to be ruthless, blind to human suffering and yet charismatic." To what extent do you agree with this assertion? May 2003

Assess the methods used by EITHER Peron OR Lenin to maintain his position as ruler of a single-party state. Nov. 2003

SUCSESSES/FAILURES

Analyze the successes and failures of the political career of either Lenin or Nyerere. May 2008

To what extent was either Mussolini, between 1922 and 1945, or Nasser, between 1954 and 1970, successful in achieving his aims? May 2008

Evaluate the successes and failures one ruler of a single-party state. May 2007

By what methods, and with what success, did single-party rulers in power establish totalitarian regimes? Reference should be made to two examples, each chosen from a different region. Nov. 2007

Evaluate the successes and failures one ruler of a single-party state. May 2005

How successful was either Lenin (1917-1924) or Mussolini (1922-1943) in solving the problems he faced? Nov. 2005

Examine critically the successes and failures of EITHER Castro OR Mussolini, as a leader of a single-party state. Nov. 2003

Explain the successes and failures of either Mao in China or Perón in Argentina. Nov. 2002

FOREIGN/DOMESTIC POLICIES

Assess the importance of foreign policy for rulers of single-party states. May 2008

Compare and contrast the domestic policies of two rulers of single party states, each chosen from a different region. May 2006

Examine the economic and social policies of two of the following: Lenin; Mussolini; Peron. Nov. 2006

Examine the status of women in two single-party states, each chosen from a different region. May 2005

Compare and contrast the foreign policies of two rulers of single-party states, each chosen from a different region. May 2004

Evaluate the importance of ideology in the policies of two of the following rulers of single-party states: Castro; Hitler; Lenin; Nyerere. May 2004

Compare and contrast the economic and social policies of Mao and Stalin. May 2003

In what ways, and for what reasons, did the aims and policies of two or more right wing rulers of single-party states differ? May 2003

Analyse the foreign policy of two rulers of single-party states, each chosen from a different region. Nov. 2002

Evaluate the impact of the policies of two rulers of single-party states on the role and status of women. Nov. 2002

EDUCATION/ARTS/PROPAGANDA

In what ways did one ruler of a single-party state try to use education to support his regime? May 2008

In what ways, and with what results, was propaganda used by one ruler of a single party state? May 2006

In what ways, and for what reasons, were culture and education controlled by rulers of single-party states? Nov. 2006

Identify the aims of educational and youth policies in two single-party states, and evaluate the extent to which they were achieved. Nov. 2005

For what reasons, and with what success, have single party states attempted to control either education or the arts? Nov. 2004

Examine the role of education and/or the arts in two single party states, each chosen from a different region. May 2003

How and why was propaganda used in two single party states, each chosen from a different region? Nov. 2003

MISCELLANEOUS

Compare and contrast the economic and social policies of one left wing and one right wing single-party ruler. Nov. 2007

Analyse the conditions which led to the establishment of either Perón's regime in Argentina or Nasser's regime in Egypt. Nov. 2007

Compare and contrast the global impact of two of the following: Castro; Hitler; Nasser. May 2007

Assess the importance of ideology for rulers of twentieth century single-party states. May 2006

Compare and contrast the global impact of two of the following: Castro; Hitler; Nasser. May 2005

Account for the ineffectiveness of internal opposition to two rulers of single-party states. Nov. 2005

Examine the global impact of one ruler of a single-party state. May 2004

For what reasons, and with what results, were there so many single-party states in the 20th Century? Nov. 2003

QUESTIONS NOT COVERED

Assess the methods used by either Nasser or Peron to remain in power. May 2006

Assess the successes and failures of the domestic policies of one of the following: Nasser; Nyerere; Perón. Nov. 2005

In what ways, and to what extent, did either Nasser or Perón improve social and economic conditions? May 2004

To what extent was the USSR an orthodox Communist state under either Lenin or Stalin? Nov. 2002

IB History Topic 5: The Cold War

ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR

For what reasons, and with what results, did the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan affect Cold War development? May 2008

Explain the meaning of two of the following and show how each affected the development of the Cold War: containment; brinkmanship; non-alignment; détente. May 2008

Analyze the origin of East-West rivalry and explain why it developed into the Cold War. May 2008

“The breakdown of East-West relations was due to the failure of both sides to appreciate the fears of the other.” With reference to the period 1945–53, to what extent do you agree? Nov. 2007

Assess the part played by differing ideologies in the origin of the Cold War. May 2007

Analyse the responsibility of the USA and the USSR for the outbreak and development of the Cold War, up to 1949. Nov. 2006

Compare and contrast the economic policies and military alliances of the USSR and USA after 1947. Nov. 2006

“An unnatural alliance that was bound to fall apart after the defeat of the common enemy.” To what extent does this statement explain the origin of the Cold War? May 2006

Examine the part played by economic issues in the development of the Cold War. May 2006

Identify and explain the significance of two of the following in the development of the Cold War: COMECON; Marshall Plan; NATO; Warsaw Pact. Nov. 2005

Assess the part played by differing ideologies in the origin of the Cold War. May 2005

To what extent were Soviet policies responsible for the outbreak and development of the Cold War between 1945 and 1949? Nov. 2005

Assess the impact of the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan on the development of the Cold War between 1947 and 1961. May 2004

To what extent did events in the final year of the Second World War turn wartime allies into Cold War enemies? May 2004

In what ways, and for what reasons, did the relationship between the wartime Allies deteriorate between 1945 and 1949? Nov. 2004

How, and to what extent, did the conferences at Yalta and Potsdam (1945) contribute to the origin of the Cold War? May 2003

In what ways, and to what extent, did mutual distrust and suspicion cause the Cold War? Nov. 2003

GERMANY

In what ways, and with what results, was Germany the key focus of the early stages of the Cold War? May 2007

Compare and contrast the roles of China and Germany in the Cold War. May 2006

In what ways, and with what results, was Germany the key focus of the early stages of the Cold War? May 2005

For what reasons, and with what results, was Germany a centre of Cold War tension between 1945-61? Nov. 2003

CUBA

Analyse the part played by Cuba in the development of the Cold War. May 2007

In what ways, and with what results, did the U.S.'s Cold War policy of containment affect Cuba after 1959? May 2006

Analyse the part played by Cuba in the development of the Cold War. May 2005

Compare and contrast the part played by Korea and Cuba in the Cold War. Nov. 2003

KOREAN AND VIETNAM WAR

Compare and contrast the roles of Korea and Vietnam in the Cold War. May 2008

For what reasons, and with what results for East-West relations, did the superpowers become involved in the affairs of one of the following: Korea; Vietnam; the Middle East? Nov. 2007

In what ways, and for what reasons, did the Vietnam War affect superpower relations? Nov. 2006

Compare and contrast the policies of the USA and the USSR towards Korea between 1945 and 1955. May 2004

DÉTENTE

Evaluate the role of one superpower in the Cold War after 1970. May 2007

Analyse the importance of détente in ending the Cold War. May 2006

Evaluate the role of one superpower in the Cold War after 1970. May 2005

In what ways, and to what extent, did relations between East and West change in the period 1960-1970? Nov. 2004

In what ways, and to what extent, did the Cold War become less confrontational after 1970? May 2004

Assess the importance of détente and internal opposition to Communist rule in Communist countries, in ending the Cold War. May 2003

END OF THE COLD WAR

When and why did the Cold War end? May 2008

To what extent was the collapse of communist regimes the result of domestic problems rather than external pressures? Nov. 2007

To what extent did economic problems in the Communist bloc bring about the end of the Cold War? May 2007

Assess the importance of economic issues in ending the Cold War. Nov. 2006

Analyse the factors which led to the ending of the Cold War. Nov. 2005

Compare and contrast the social and economic effects of the Cold War on two countries each chosen from a different region. Nov. 2005

To what extent did economic problems in the Communist bloc bring about the end of the Cold War? May 2005

Why was Soviet control over East European satellite states successful in the period 1945-1968, and why did it collapse between 1988 and 1991? Nov. 2004

Assess the importance of social and economic issues in causing opposition to communist regimes. May 2004

Assess the impact of the Cold War on the economic developments of two states each chosen from a different region. Nov. 2004

"The Cold War played little part in changing social and economic conditions for either side between 1945-65". To what extent do you agree? Nov. 2003

MISCELLANEOUS

How effective was the United States policy of containment up to 1962? Nov. 2007

Compare and contrast the role of education and the arts in one communist and one non-communist state. Nov. 2007

In what ways, and for what reasons, was the Middle East important in the Cold War? Nov. 2005

Why, and with what success, did the USA adopt a policy of containment in the period 1947-1962? Nov. 2004

"Although it began in Europe the spread of the Cold War to other regions was a much more dangerous development." To what extent do you agree with this judgment? May 2003

How and why did the policies of either the USA or the USSR affect superpower rivalry between 1950 and 1970? May 2003

Analyse the nature of the Cold War and explain why, in spite of serious crises, it did not turn into a Third World War. Nov. 2003

QUESTIONS NOT COVERED

To what extent was the movement for non-alignment a development of the Cold War? Nov. 2006

In what ways were gender and social issues affected by the Cold War. May 2003