

SYDNEY ACADEMY

History 12 IB

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I Course Description

International Baccalaureate History may be studied at two levels, Higher and Standard, over a two year period. At the grade 12 level, the focus is on twentieth century world history topics from the First World War to the 1970's. Grade 12 IB History satisfies the Global Studies requirement necessary for the NS High School Diploma.

The material is covered in great detail with emphasis on the “science” of history – the why of history. Much time is given to student writing. Students normally sit for the internationally standardized IB History exam. Students must also complete a 2000 word historical investigation. The History 12 IB runs year long with the IB exam scheduled for May.

II Student Assessment

The following are assessment objectives for the grade 12 IB History. Having participated in the course the candidate will be expected to:

1. Comprehend, analyze, evaluate and integrate source material critically as historical evidence.
2. Demonstrate historical understanding of 20th Century world history through acquisition, selection, effective use and synthesis of knowledge.
3. Explain different approaches to, and interpretations of, historical events and topics.
4. Place events in their historical context.
5. Explain the causes and effects of historical continuity and change.
6. Present arguments that are clear, coherent, relevant and well substantiated.
7. Present historical explanations from an international perspective.
8. Plan, organize and present an individual historical investigation.

In addition to the above candidates at higher level will be expected to:

9. Demonstrate an in-depth historical understanding of approximately 250 years of history (from between circa 1750 to 2000) of one region (the Americas), through the acquisition, selection, effective use and synthesis of knowledge.

Assessment will include marks for document study, in-class essays, formal essays, internal assessment work, mid-term and final exams.

If a student is sick on the day of an assignment and/or project, the assignment must still be sent to the school on the due date. It may be dropped off at the school or emailed. In the case of serious or prolonged illness, alternate arrangements can be made.

Assignments not received on the due date will be considered late and two points will be deducted per day. Homework and assignments may be viewed sacademy@cbv.ns.ca

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Year Long Marks

Essay Work	35%
Internal Assessment (Historical Investigation)	150%
Mid-Term Exam (January)	30%
Final Exam	20%

III Communication

Communication with parents/guardians will take place through the use of formal report cards and regularly scheduled parent/teacher meetings. Should further contact be required it will take place via phone, arranged meetings or by email.

Parents/guardians may contact me through Sydney Academy's main office by phone at 562-5464 or by e-mail at beatonj3@staff.ednet.ns.ca

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