

Extended essay: Example commentary			
Subject	History	WSEE theme (if applicable):	
Category for language essays (if applicable):		Subjects used for WSEE (if applicable):	
Title of essay:	Battle of Stalingrad		
Research question:	To what extent did German tactical mistakes affect the outcome of the Battle of Stalingrad?		
Assessment details			
Criterion	Mark awarded	Commentary	
A: Focus and method  [Maximum possible mark: 6]	4	The research question is clearly stated and an appropriate number of sources selected. Some reference is made to methodology, but the essay lacks clear focus and its direction tends to drift.	
B: Knowledge and understanding  [Maximum possible mark: 6]	4	Some understanding is obvious, but the essay lacks detail and depth in places. Knowledge/material selected from the source base could have been better extracted and deployed to substantiate the points made.	
C: Critical thinking  [Maximum possible mark: 12]	5	The essay is adequate in terms of research and attempts at analysis are evident. There is no real evaluation of sources. There is a consistent conclusion, although it is not strongly supported by depth of treatment in the main body of the essay and is a little confused by overlapping with the larger conflict.	
D: Presentation  [Maximum possible mark: 4]	4	The structure and layout are appropriate for the subject and support reading, understanding and evaluation of the essay.	
E: Engagement  [Maximum possible mark: 6]	3	The student has shown moderate engagement with the research process/research. Reflections tend to be quite descriptive, but with some reference to conceptual understanding and skill development during the "journey".	
Total marks awarded	20/34		