**Canada’s Contribution to World War 1 – Essay Assignment**

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**Learning Goal and Task:**

* Be able to analyze specific sources to determine Canada’s contribution to a specific battle in WW1.
* Be able to write a well-argued and researched 5 paragraph essay using the sources provided.

**Success Criteria:**

* Thesis clearly stated in introduction and reinforced throughout.
* 3 pieces of supporting evidence provided in each paragraph and correctly referenced.
* Spelling, grammar, and punctuation checked.
* Solid understanding of standard essay structure demonstrated.
* Proper referencing is done through footnoting and a bibliography.

**Essay Question**

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| To what extent did Canada (including Newfoundland) play a role at the Battle of the Somme? |

**Sources:**

* For this essay a variety of sources will be provided for you.
* Learning to reference will be a significant part of this assignment.

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| **Initial Inquiry**On your own or with your partner, discuss these questions and answer on this sheet.* Why should students learn about the Battle of the Somme (or any battle for that matter?)
* Based on what you know, why does everyone remember the Battle of the Somme?
* Is it fair to categorize this 5 month long battle as one ‘Battle of’?
* What types of sources might be valuable to investigate further? (Be specific: for example, try to say something more than ‘articles’. Articles on what?)
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**Essay Planning Sheet**

Hopefully the following template will help guide you in building your history essay! A few simple rules to follow:

* Avoid first person narrative (I think…)
* Avoid contractions (can’t, don’t). Use the full words (cannot, do not)
* Use 12 pt. (Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri) font, double spaced and word processed
* Quotes/references do NOT have to be italicized
* Spell-check is not always right!! Edit (re-read) your work! Get someone else to do it, too

**Title Page**

There are 5 things on a title page:

* A title🡪 make it interesting… not just “History Essay” or “World War 2”. Hint about your thesis
* Your name🡪 very important! This can be centred under the title or in the lower right corner
* Teacher’s name 🡪 spell it right! Use the correct honourific (Mr., Ms., or Mrs.)
* Course Code🡪 get it right
* Due date🡪 write the date out in full (eg. October 9, 2012.)
* You should not have any graphic or photo on a formal essay title page, and keep the font consistent with the text of the essay.

**Introductory Paragraph**

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| WORDS OF INTRODUCTION* a few sentences talking about your essay topic in a general way
* set the stage for the time, place and circumstances
* get the reader interested
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| THESIS STATEMENT* an answer to the question that is different from your plan of development
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| PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT* a sentence outlining the content of your 3 body paragraphs
* should be in order (eg—the first point mentioned in the plan should be the topic of the first paragraph, the second paragraph, and so on)
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| CONCLUDING SENTENCE* wrap up the paragraph, perhaps by rewording your thesis
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**Body Paragraphs**

In general, body paragraph #1 should be your second strongest set of arguments,#2 should be your third strongest set of arguments, #3 should be your strongest set of arguments.

**Paragraph #1**

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| TOPIC SENTENCE* a simple sentence stating what your paragraph will be about
* similar to your essay’s thesis, keep it simple
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| ELABORATION* a sentence expanding in some way on your topic sentence
* this sentence will be used as a mini plan of development for the paragraph
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| EXAMPLE #1* begin by supplying evidence of the issue in one or two sentences
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| ANAYLSIS #1* this group of sentences explains how the first reference proves the thesis
* this group of sentences *analyzes* the relevance of the first reference
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| EXAMPLE #2* begin by supplying evidence of the issue in one or two sentences
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| ANAYLSIS #2* this group of sentences explains how the first reference proves the thesis
* this group of sentences *analyzes* the relevance of the first reference
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| EXAMPLE #3* begin by supplying evidence of the issue in one or two sentences
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| ANAYLSIS #3* this group of sentences explains how the first reference proves the thesis
* this group of sentences *analyzes* the relevance of the first reference
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| CONCLUDING SENTENCE* this sentence wraps up the paragraph
* often a simple re-wording of the topic sentence
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**Paragraph #2**

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**Paragraph #3**

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**Concluding Paragraph**

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| THESIS RESTATED* a rewrite of your thesis statement from your introductory paragraph
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| EXAMPLES SUMMARIZED* a rewrite of your plan of development from your introductory paragraph
* a summary of the evidence put forward in two or three sentences
* *do not add any new information*
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| WORDS OF CONCLUSION* a few sentences that tie up your thesis nicely
* leave the reader with something to think about (what this topic means for the future)
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