IB SL/HL History

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The ramifications of the Paris Peace conference were felt across of Europe and in some cases other parts of the world. Some historians point to it as not the end of World War one but merely the start of the lull between the two wars, with much of the problems ether not solved or in some cases exacerbated by the treaty.

Write a 3-4 page essay that answers the following question

What was the geopolitical and economical impact of the treatise on Europe?

**Topics that may be considered include but are not limited to:**

* Self-determination (minority and majority groups)
* Re drawing of political maps
* Reparations costs
* Loss of land / resources
* Disruption to governments/ rise of totalitarianism
* Grudges/ plans of revenge being formed

The paper should be written in formal writing style with correct MLA requirements (including parenthetical citation, bibliography).

Ensure that you have a good introduction, clear paragraphs that support your evidence, transitions that lead the reader from one paragraph to the other, and a strong conclusion perhaps leaving the reader to think of something new.

Chose sources that are credible which in turn lend creditability to you paper and analyzes.

Check you paper so as much as possible it is free of spelling and grammatical errors.

I do not just want your paper to repeat information that you have found in other sources. I expect you to analyze the information and synthesize it into a good clear essay.

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| **Grade:**  **Category** | **10-9** | **8** | **7** | **6-0** |
| **Content:** | Thorough, detailed information from a variety of sources, demonstrating an excellent research effort and a full understanding of the topic and issues at hand. | Good research and detail.  Good understanding of topic. | Some detailed research, but also thin spots, confusion, or simplistic discussion. Inconsistent connection of research to topic | Little or no demonstrated research. Random ideas, lack of connection, poor organization |
| **Paragraph Structure:** | Each paragraph is placed in a well-structured, logical order, clearly walking the reader through the paper without any confusion. Transitions between paragraphs and sections are clear. | Paragraphs are well ordered with just a couple exceptions. Transitions are not as clear. | Ideas and paragraphs appear scattered and are difficult to follow; paper skips from issue to issue without clear transitions. | Little order; much incoherence. |
| **Intro**  **&**  **Conclusion** | Effective, appropriate opening. No irrelevancies. Clearly states the paper’s topic and importance of the issue.  Conclusion summarizes, connects materials and issues. Personal opinion is valid, well justified and efficiently stated. | Clear, though topic may be somewhat vague or general. Some wordiness or irrelevance.  Conclusion summarizes, connects materials and issues. Personal opinion is valid, well justified and efficiently stated | Some direction, but simplistically, awkwardly or vaguely stated.  Partially or ineffectively summarizes; personal opinion missing or completely off base. | Little or no focus or direction. Very weak or absent introduction.  Absent, incomplete, or irrelevant. |
| **Grammar, Spelling, & Use of Language:**  **&**  **Source Citing:** | Error-free; complex; sophisticated.  Citations and works cited page are 100%(95%) correct, right down to the punctuation of entries. | Basically clean, but with occasional errors; less complex.  Citations are used for all factually information; works cited page and citations are present but have minor formatting errors. | Frequent errors.  Citations are sporadic, some are missing; cited page and citations have formatting errors. | Very frequent errors; unclear writing; no evidence of proofreading or care.  Missing or very few citations; Missing or unacceptable works cited page. |
| **General Comments:**  Aim to include more detail  Make sure work is complete  Try to phrase more in your own words.  Sources incorrect | | | | |
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