

Task 6 – Historical Inquiry: Challenges to Soviet Control of Eastern Europe

HIM12-U4E1-T6 project summative · 33% due: Semester 2, Weeks 4–6

Task

Historical inquiry (Task 6). Part A: a two-week inquiry (with a research organiser assessed for the inquiry process) investigating a major challenge to Soviet control of Eastern Europe (e.g. Hungary 1956, the Prague Spring 1968, or Solidarity), using at least four primary and secondary sources reflecting different perspectives. Part B: an in-class validation essay on an unseen question about the maintenance and challenging of Soviet control. Official SCSA weighting: 10% of the school mark for the Unit 3–4 pair (Historical inquiry type weighting 20%).

Rubric criteria (weights as a percentage of this assessment)

Criterion	Weight	Descriptor
Analysis, perspectives and interpretations	40%	Annotates and evaluates sources for origin, purpose, context, message, perspective, usefulness and reliability, accounting for different interpretations of the challenge to Soviet control.
Argument and communication	30%	In the in-class validation, develops a sustained, evidence-based argument addressing the unseen question on the maintenance and challenging of Soviet control (Part B).
Historical questions and inquiry	30%	Frames focus questions, develops a coherent research plan, and locates and organises at least four relevant primary and secondary sources reflecting different perspectives, correctly referenced (Part A).