

Task 7 – Historical Inquiry: Attempts to Settle the Arab–Israeli Conflict

HIM12-U4E3-T7 project summative · 34% due: Semester 2, Weeks 8–12

Task

Historical inquiry (Task 7). Part A: a two-week inquiry (with a research organiser assessed for the inquiry process) investigating two attempts to settle conflicts between Arabs and Israelis, using at least four primary and secondary sources reflecting different perspectives. Part B: an in-class validation essay (5 minutes planning, 50 minutes working, no notes) on an unseen question, e.g. "With reference to two conflicts, debate the proposition: Attempts to settle conflicts between Arabs and Israelis have always ended in failure." 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 two attempts at settlement.
Argument and communication	30%	In the in-class validation, develops a sustained, evidence-based argument addressing the unseen proposition with reference to two conflicts (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).