



Grade	AO1 & AO2: Knowledge, understanding, analysis and explanation.	AO3 & AO4: Analysis and evaluation of historical sources and interpretations.
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As Level 8 but clear evidence of independent research that adds further weight to the arguments contained in the essay. There will be evidence of critical thought throughout demonstrating understanding of how evidence can be interpreted differently to form alternative judgements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critically cross references sources in conjunction with well-developed contextual understanding to reach substantiated judgements on the issue under consideration. The concepts of utility, reliability and typicality will be addressed thoroughly in weighing the inferences/arguments contained in the sources.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains in detail the relevance of several events/factors whilst simultaneously evaluating their relative significance throughout the essay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critically cross-references two sources to explain areas of similarity and difference. Refers to aspects of the provenance (including nature, origin and purpose) in order to evaluate the weight of the sources' arguments in relation to utility and reliability.
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains in detail the relevance of several events/factors in relation to the question and reaches a sustained final judgement to the question. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains how two sources give similar or different inferences and uses details of the source AND own knowledge to support this explanation. Analyses the reasons for contrasting inferences through the effective use of nature, origin and purpose.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains in detail the relevance of several events/factors in relation to the question and attempts to reach a final judgement to the question. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains how two sources give similar or different inferences and uses details of the source AND own knowledge to support this explanation. Makes reference to the provenance (including nature, origin and purpose) of one or both sources in an implicit attempt to evaluate the utility and/or reliability of the source(s).
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains the relevance of two or more events/factors in relation to the question, ONE of which is in detail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains how two sources give similar or different inferences and uses details of the source AND own knowledge to support this explanation.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains in limited detail the relevance of one event/factor in relation to the question. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes an inference from one or more sources with detailed support from source(s) AND/own knowledge
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes in detail more than one factor in relation to the question. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes an inference from the source with simple support from source AND/OR own knowledge.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes several factors in limited detail in relation to the question. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes what the source states/shows.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes one factor in limited detail in relation to the question. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copies out or paraphrases the source.