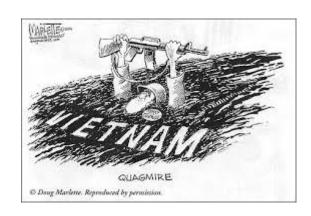# How to answer exam questions for Paper 1 GCSE History Modern World

What should my answers look like?

How can I get started?

What should I include?

7 mark Source Question

What is the message of the cartoon...?

What should my answer look like?

Single
Paragraph
(you may use three if you wish to show the three aspects that you have addressed)

Explain what the source is trying to say about the situation
• *Eg: "The message of this cartoon is..."*

Use a source detail to illustrate its message
•*Eg: "For example, in the cartoon we can see that...."*

Use you own knowledge to explain the context/background of the source
•*Eg: "At this time...."*

8 Mark Explain Questions

Explain why.....

What should my answer look like?

Paragraph 1
(PEE)

Explain one reason the USA offered aid :
Eg: One reason is … because .... For example they… This was important because …

Paragraph 2
(PEE)

Explain a second reason :
Eg: Another reason was because .... For example they… This led to … because ...

4 mark Describe Questions

Describe what happened ….
Describe how…

What should my answer look like?

Single Paragraph

Simple description!
Eg: Give Four clear specific details or two points expanded in more detail.

4 sentences can be enough!

6 Mark Explain Questions

Explain why …

What should my answer look like?

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 2

Explain one reason:
Eg: One reason was,.... This was significant because... (go into a lot of detail that helps answer the question) Add a final summative sentence that links back to the question.

Explain a second reason :
Eg: Furthermore, a second reason was... This was important because...
(go into a lot of detail that helps answer the question) Add a final summative sentence that links back to the question.

10 Mark Debate Questions

'Quote...' How far do you agree?
Was ... the most important reason why...How far fo you agree?

What should my answer
look like?

Paragraph 1

Explain how it was
I would agree because …
For example…
This shows that …

Paragraph 2

Explain how it wasn't
I would not fully agree because …
For example…
This shows that …

Conclusion

Conclude How Far???