

TOK Essay Outline

#9: As an IB student, how has your learning of literature and sciences contributed to your understanding of individuals and societies?

Paragraph 1: Introduction:

A. explanation and interpretation of the title question: how are you going to interpret it? **What interpretation strategy?**

- i) learning of literature: books I've read **what about them?**
- ii) learning of science: what I learned in IB science subjects such as Biology **what did you learn???** **incomplete information.**
- iii) individuals: specific, single person **no.**
- iv) societies: a whole group of people, country, ...**no.** **"Individuals and societies" refers to IB group 3 (history, psychology, geography, economics etc.)**

B. answering the title question (thesis): In this TOK Essay I am going to show how my learning of literature and science as an IB student have contributed to my understanding of individuals and societies through examples. **AND????????????????????? Where is the answer to this question? Evidently you don't even know it yet. You did not answer the title question. You simple repeated the title question. Incomplete.**

C. Areas of Knowledge and Ways of Knowing covered in this essay:

- i) definition AOK + examples:
 - a. definition: area of knowledge
 - b. examples: English/German, Religion, History, Biology
- ii) definition of WOK + examples:
 - a. Definition: way of knowing
 - b. Examples: language, sense perception, logics and emotion/intuition

Why are you defining them? Where is the connection to the title question?

Paragraph 2: how has my learning of literature in languages contributed to my understanding of individuals and societies? **Well???** **How has it contributed to your understanding?**

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A. Language: English

i) examples of books I read: Black like Me

a. how has it made me understand individuals: how oppression affects ones personality **And how does it affect personality? Where is the answer to the question?**

b. how has it made me understand society: blacks, jews, muslims, oppression, minorities **How has it made you understand society? Do you now have a different opinion about these people?**

B. Language: German

i) examples of books I read: America (=The Tortilla Curtain)

a. how has it made me understand individuals: the main characters represent their society: Cándido: illegal immigrants situation

Delaney: Americans situation

b. how has it made me understand societies: Mexicans and Americans; Mexicans want a better life; **Really? All of them? Generalization!** Americans want to keep the illegals out **Really? All of them? Generalization!** as they pay taxes for them and this is not fair to those who want to enter legally either, also they cause problems such as crime

Paragraph 3: how has my learning of literature in history contributed to my understanding of individuals and societies?

A. history book:

i) how has it contributed to my understanding of individuals: kings, warriors

ii) how has it contributed to my understanding of societies: Egyptians, romans, Nazis

You still do not answer the title question!!

Paragraph 4: how has my learning of sciences contributed to my understanding of individuals and societies?

A. Science: Biology

i) how has it made me understand individuals: if one is sick they act differently. **Oh really. BUT HOW????? And seriously, you needed to study literature and sciences in order to understand that people act differently when they are sick?**

a) examples: altsheimers disease, breast cancer (my grandma), prostate cancer (my grandpa)

ii) how has it made me understand societies: ? Answer?

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B. however you can also find out information about individuals and societies through literature in science

i) examples: biology book: **What does the Bio book say about individuals and societies??**
Answer missing.

Paragraph 5: Conclusion

A. I learned much about individuals and societies through literature. **But you did not say what you learned.**

i) English: **what about it?**

ii) German **what about it?**

iii) History book **what about it?**

iv) Biology book **what about it?**

B. I have also learned a lot through science **And what did you learn?**

i) Biology

C. however knowledge about individuals and societies can also be seeked through literature in sciences such as a Biology book

Counter arguments missing.

TOK theory missing.

Comparisons between the different AOK are missing.

Answers to the title question are missing.

How has your studying of literature and sciences hindered or blocked your understanding of individuals and societies (history, psychology, economics, geography)???? (=counter argument)

Very incomplete outline so far. You have no argument, no statement. Why? Because you have not done what I told you, you have not looked for the answer(s), and don't even know them yet.

Scale from A - E: E