

A Short Guide to Writing About History  
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In order to prepare for the writing of your History Extended Essay, you are expected to read Chapters 1-4 of this text by your 2<sup>nd</sup> Official EE Meeting in February. Bring your responses to these questions as evidence of your reading. You will keep the book through the duration of the EE process as a reference.

Chapter 1: Writing and History

1) Why do historians write history?

2) What are the 5 Principles for Writing History Essays. Explain each in your own words.

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3) What is Plagiarism and what do the authors suggest you do to avoid it.

## Chapter 2: Thinking About History

4) What are the types of questions you should be thinking about as you shape your historical writing? Which one(s) do you think would lead to the most successful/interesting topics? Explain.

5) Explain the traps of historical fallacies do the authors caution you about.

6) How should you go about evaluating the materials you wish to use in your research.

### Chapter 3: Gathering Information

7) Detail the steps of gathering information the authors give when you are ready to begin your research.

8) What are the strengths and weaknesses of Secondary AND Primary sources.

## Chapter 4: Notes and Drafts

9) Using one of the pieces you have found in your early research, write an effective note (using the style of Marius) below.

10) Detail the steps of the note taking/organizing/drafting/revising process.