

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

CRITERIA MAT

TOPIC / EVENT: _____

TIME PERIOD: _____

STUDENT: _____







WHAT IS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE?



It is the lasting importance of people, events, developments or ideas in history.

HOW TO USE THIS MAT

- 1 Identify the topic or development.
- 2 Consider each criterion below.
- 3 Add evidence or examples.
- 4 Decide the level of significance.
- 5 Write a judgement and explain why.

SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA	EVIDENCE / EXAMPLES	LEVEL (LOW / MODERATE / HIGH)	NOTES / REASONING
 IMPACT How much change did it cause?			
 SCOPE How many people or places were affected?			
 DURATION How long did its effects last?			
 INFLUENCE Did it influence other events, ideas or developments?			
 HISTORICAL CONTEXT Why was it important in its time?			
 LEGACY What is its importance today?			

OVERALL JUDGEMENT

Overall, how significant was this topic or development?



LOW

Limited significance



MODERATE

Some significance



HIGH

Great significance

EXPLAIN YOUR JUDGEMENT

Use your criteria and evidence to justify your decision.

SEQUENCING & CONNECTIONS

Where does this fit in the bigger picture?

BEFORE

What came before?



THIS TOPIC / EVENT

What happened?



AFTER

What happened next?



CONNECTIONS

What links can you make?