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## Level 1 History, 2017

### 91005 Describe the causes and consequences of an historical event

9.30 a.m. Friday 24 November 2017  
Credits: Four

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Describe the causes and consequences of an historical event.	Describe in depth the causes and consequences of an historical event.	Comprehensively describe the causes and consequences of an historical event.

Check that the National Student Number (NSN) on your admission slip is the same as the number at the top of this page.

**You should write ONE essay in this booklet.**

If you need more room for any answer, use the extra space provided at the back of this booklet.

Check that this booklet has pages 2–12 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

Write an essay on ONE historical event that you have studied this year, using the essay question below.

Your chosen historical event should be:

- a specific historical event in time, or
- a historical movement or development.

Your essay must include an introduction and a conclusion, and use supporting evidence.

You should provide context for your discussion in a detailed paragraph(s) describing the historical event.

Write your chosen historical event in the box below.

Plan your essay on page 3. Begin your essay on page 4.

**ESSAY QUESTION**

**Identify and describe TWO main causes of your chosen historical event.**

**What were TWO main consequences of the event for people and/or groups?**

**Historical event:**

The Little Rock crisis.

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Begin your essay here:

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The Little Rock crisis was part of the Black Civil Rights movement in 1950. Little Rock High School was an all-white school that opened its gates to nine African American students in 1957. The causes to this integration were the Brown versus Board case in 1954 and the acceptance of the students. However this integration did have a couple of consequences, one being white backlash and <sup>\*</sup>Ernest Green's graduation. The Little Rock crisis is an historical event in the Black Civil Rights movement and the nine African American students who attended, would later be known as "the Little Rock nine."

One of the main causes leading to the Little Rock integration was the Brown versus Board case in 1954. This case began with a twelve year old African American girl called Linda Brown. She was walking six blocks to her bus stop where she would ride the bus to the coloured school where she could learn. Although Linda wanted to attend the school closest to her house, which was only seven blocks away. Her father Oliver Brown attempted to enrol Linda, but was denied as it was a white-only school. He took an argument to the Supreme Court describing that having segregated schools was affecting coloured children's learning. The

<sup>\*</sup> the other



white-only school had better facilities and better teachers which was <sup>impacting</sup> ~~affecting~~ their education. The Board agreed with his statement and ruled ~~a~~ segregated schools "unconstitutional" and that they should be "integrated with all deliberate haste." This was a big step forward for the Black Civil Rights movement as previously everything public was separated for coloured and white citizens. //

The <sup>2</sup> second main cause leading to the Little Rock integration was the acceptance of the Little Rock nine. In 1957, Little Rock High School in ~~On~~ Arkansas chose three <sup>\*</sup> boys and six African American girls. These students had to have "exceptional grades and attendance" from their previous school. The purpose of this integration was to help improve the coloured students' education, but also to put the Brown versus Board case into practice. //

One of the main consequences for this integration was white backlash. On the 3rd of September 1957, eight of the nine African American students arrived on the school grounds ready to start that day, but were confronted with a mob of four hundred white members. This mob was crowded around the school gates and //

<sup>\*</sup> African American



followed the students as they walked. The mob harassed the students by shouting offensive words, and also took violent actions towards police and media reporters. When the ~~students~~ ~~Little Rock nine~~ eight African American students reached the school doors, they were also denied entry by armed state troops. Unable to attend school that day, the students returned home. Elizabeth was the one student who couldn't arrive with the other eight, but when she too arrived at the school found herself in the same situation, and headed home too, as well. These events were shown to the rest of the nation and the world. The view of America at the time was very low and this historical event was later known as the Little Rock crisis.

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The other consequence of this integration was the graduation of Ernest Green. Ernest was ~~one~~ the only African American student from the nine to graduate from Little Rock on the 17th of May 1958. When Ernest graduated, he stood up in front of a crowd. He described in that moment no one clapped and there was dead silence. He explained that he "was there for a purpose and he achieved that, and he didn't care what people thought about him." The other eight students were unable to graduate from Little Rock because the Governor of Arkansas



at the time (Orvil Fabus) closed the school the following year. However Ernest's graduation inspired other campaigns in the Black Civil Rights movement. This was because he proved that put into an integrated learning environment can improve education but also positively change the way American society was living.

In conclusion the Little Rock High School integration was a big step for the Black Civil Rights movement. ~~as~~ Coloured citizens were standing up for themselves against the Supreme Court, ~~they~~ which helped for African American students to be accepted into an all-white school. Although there was white backlash, the media captured the Little Rock crisis and action was soon taken. This allowed Ernest Green to graduate from the integrated school which inspired other campaigns from 1957 onwards. The Little Rock integration was a big event in America's history and today statues stand in Arkansas of the Little Rock nine, as a remembrance of the time.

## **Achieved Exemplar – A4**

### **The Little Rock Crisis**

This essay has two clearly stated causes and consequences for the chosen event. Each cause and consequence is contained within a separate paragraph that is introduced with a clear topic sentence. Both causes have been linked to the event to show how each was a cause. This linking is important, as candidates sometimes describe an incident, or occurrence, but fail to show how it ties in with the historic event. There is limited supporting evidence contained in each paragraph, so while the causes and consequences have been described this is insufficient for any grade higher than an Achieved. This candidate would need to include some detail in order to lift the essay to a Merit level. Detailed causes **or** consequences for an M5 grade, and detailed causes **and** consequences for an M6 grade.