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Level 1 History, 2017

91005 Describe the causes and consequences of an historical event

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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 Japanese invasion of Manchuria.

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TWO main causes of the historical event

Weakness of the LoN.

- American isolationism,
- France + GB weak after WWI.
- great depression.
- Japan's strongest power in east.

Struggles of Japan.

- overpopulation.
- limited resources.
- failing industry.
- Great depression
- Trade drop: 1000 m yen.
- Manchuria - 200,000 km²
 - Natural resources
 - Agriculture.

Description of the historical event

Japan blows up railway, blames china. initial attack 500 chinese casualties + 2 Japanese. LoN Lord Lytton commission of enquiry find Japan aggressors. Japan leaves LoN. etc..

TWO main consequences for people/groups

Colonisation.

- 1.5 m Japanese settlers.
- No thought for chinese.
- used manchuria as base
- used to help industry, trade, economy.
- provide food.

LoN failure.

- peace keepers.
- powerless in the face of large scale problem.
- failed their duty.
- etc..

Begin your essay here:

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In 1931, Japan invaded the Chinese state of Manchuria. There are several causes and consequences of this event, including failing industry, trade drops, ~~and~~ the Great Depression, and the failure of the League of Nations. When looking at this event, it is clear that there is not one single cause, but a combination of different problems, all leading to this invasion, and the consequences that followed.

The first cause is the weakness of the League of Nations. With America absent and France and Great Britain weak after the First World War, it was very easy for Japan to disobey the rules and requirements made by the League. A very prominent reason for the League's weakness was American isolationism. Following the First World War, the United States did not want to be a part of conflicts or events not directly threatening or concerning their country. This meant that, although created by the American president, the League of Nations lacked one of, if not the ~~the~~ ~~biggest~~ largest powers it could have, as the American people did not want to be a part of it. Another, smaller reason for this weakness was the fact that France and Great Britain were economically damaged and faced a high loss of life in World War One. This meant they were not as powerful as they could be and they further weakened the League.

The second cause is the problems and struggles that Japan as a country was facing at the ~~time~~ time. Japan was facing ~~a~~ large growth in population and as a result, there was not enough living space on the island itself. Manchuria offered nearly 200,000 square kilometers of land for possible Japanese settlers. Japan's silk industry was also failing, as there was less interest. Lacking many natural resources itself, Japan turned to Manchuria, with its abundance of minerals and agricultural land to ~~the~~ assist. Japan was greatly affected by the great depression, with trade dropping by 1000 million yen between 1927 and 1931. Manchuria offered the resources Japan needed to increase its trade and get back on its feet. Manchuria ultimately, in the eyes of the Japanese, offered a solution to all of Japan's struggles.

In 1931, the Japanese military detonated a small explosion near a section ~~the~~ of railway owned by Japan in Manchuria. Although it caused a very small amount of damage, it was enough to create a reason for Japan to invade, as they falsely accused the Chinese of an unprovoked attack. In the initial invasion, ~~about 1500~~ there were around 800 Chinese casualties to only 2 Japanese deaths. China requested assistance from the League of Nations, ~~who~~ in response,

sent a commission of enquiry lead by Lord Lytton of Great Britain to investigate the problem. It took one year for Lord Lytton, in 1932, to announce that they had found Japan to be the ~~the~~ aggressors, and urged them to withdraw. Japan did not agree to this and stayed occupying manchuria, which they had set up as the puppet state manchukuo, and instead left the league of nations. Japan stayed occupying manchuria until the end of World War two

The first consequence of this invasion is the colonisation of manchuria. Around 1.5 million Japanese settlers occupied manchuria as farmers and miners. The Japanese had a very low opinion of the chinese, and therefore paid no thought to the people of manchuria. The puppet state, Manchukuo, became a base for Japan's further expansion into asia, as they believed in a religion based expansionism, "Hakkō ichū" - all the world under one roof. The colonisation of manchuria provided the food, and resources needed for Japan to right itself.

The final consequence is the failure of the League of Nations. When it was first created, the League was designed as an international peace keeping organisation, and while they did solve minor

disputes in the 1920s, they ultimately failed when faced with a large problem. When it was first discovered that Japan was the aggressor, and when they refused to withdraw, the League had to option to send military backup to China to make Japan retreat, however, France and Great Britain wanted to ~~not~~ avoid another war, and refused. There was also the option to cut off trade with Japan, however, that would have little effect as Japan's main trade partner, the USA was not a part of the League. This showed that while the League was a good idea in theory, it was powerless in the face of a major dispute.

The Japanese invasion of Manchuria had many different causes, which led to many consequences. The needs of the Japanese led to the colonisation of Manchuria and showed the weakness and failure of the League. There was not one single cause of this event, but rather, many different causes all adding together. // M5

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Merit Exemplar – (M5)

Japanese invasion of Manchuria

Detail is required for a Merit grade and this essay has sufficient detail to lift it into the Merit category. The first cause has little accompanying detail, and is at an Achieved level. The second cause is better, with some statistical figures being given and a good link is made to the advantages of Manchuria as a solution to Japan's problems. The consequences also contain some detail with the candidate using names of people and places as well as some dates. This script is an example of a low level Merit. There is a lot more detail that could have been included, but there is sufficient here to lift it above the Achieved level. In general, for an M6 both the causes and the consequences need to be detailed. Detail could include the use of names of people and places, dates and statistics. It could also include the detailed linking of a cause to the event.