

Prep Work for Senior IB 20th Century History

Our first topic of study is focusing on 20th century Authoritarian States. We will delve into how each state emerged, how it consolidated and maintained power, and the goals and results of the authoritarian rule. Your job over the summer is to do some research and find out information that will fit into the rough outline of our course of study below. You need not find out all of the stuff about all of the things, but I need to be able to see that you have made an effort past a cursory Google search of terms like “authoritarian states”. I need a glimpse into the skill set you developed in your IB junior history and english courses. Your note taking should be concise and relevant while, again, making sure I can see you went beyond Wikipedia and History.com. You should provide specific evidence and avoid generalities. The importance of this assignment cannot be stressed enough. This is not only setting you up with your first grade in the grade book, but it is setting the stage for the first 30 days of the course.

Step 1. Open and read Chapter 1: Authoritarian and Single-Party States from

 TEXTBOOK for the Summer Assignment - Origins And Development Of Authoritarian And ...

Start your own document of notes by answering the following questions:

- What are the characteristics of nationalism? Authoritarianism? Totalitarianism?
- How are these interconnected and related?

Step 2. Choose **one** 20th century Authoritarian Leader and State from the list below. Research and take notes on the topics I've outlined for you under this list. Keep your notes in context of your chosen Authoritarian Leader and State. Include a properly formatted (MLA or APA) Work Cited page that includes all of your sources at the end of your notes. Need help with a “properly formatted Works Cited page”? Use this link [Purdue OWL](#).

- Pinochet: Chile
- Mussolini: Italy
- Ceausescu: Romania
- Idi Amin: Uganda
- Nasser: Egypt
- Peron: Argentina
- Suharto (not Sukarno): Indonesia
- Ataturk: Turkey
- Kim Il-Sung: North Korea

Year 2 History HL Topic 1 Content Outline

I. Emergence

- A. What conditions occurred prior to the leader establishing an authoritarian state? What was happening socially? Politically? Economically? Was there a war or major conflict? Think: long term and short term causes.

- B. What methods did the leader within the authoritarian state use **to begin to develop** an authoritarian rule? Think: coercion, propaganda, ideology, decrees, force? Be specific.

II. Consolidation and Maintenance

- A. What methods did the leadership within the authoritarian state use to consolidate the power of the state? Think: legal means (laws passed), force, charismatic leadership, more propaganda? Be specific.
- B. Was there opposition to this consolidation? What did it look like? Who was involved? What was the response to the opposition?
- C. What was the impact of the foreign policy of the authoritarian leader/state? Was there foreign involvement in the consolidation of the authoritarian rule? By whom? Was there foreign involvement in the opposition to the authoritarian rule? By whom?

III. Goals and Results

- A. Choose **one pair of topics** listed below and research and take notes on the particular policies developed by your chosen authoritarian leader/state.
- women and family (including marriage, divorce, abortion access, and job and education for women)
 - agriculture and industry (including investment in new technologies and production of goods, main exports, and food/famine)
 - church and education (including role of religion in govt, public education requirements, relationship between leader and church)
- B. How did the authoritarian rule end? If it hasn't ended yet, what do you think has allowed it to maintain in our modern, more democratic leaning world?

Step 3. Create a one-pager, front and back, using Canva. Your one-pager, front and back, needs to be able to be printed by me on a regular sized sheet of copy paper. It needs to be neat and easy to read and contain the information you think **most relevant to the Emergence, Consolidation, and Maintenance of your chosen Authoritarian Leader and State**. Do not put this information into a timeline, but be sure to include identifying years. You will also need to include images you think are relevant and helpful in illustrating your one-pager topics. Key terms should be bolded or highlighted.

Be sure to label your file: *first and last name, IB History Summer Work 26-27*

This assignment is due by 11:59 pm on August 1, 2026. You must email the assignment to: Dawn_Roode@dekalbschoolsga.org

Make sure you have properly set the Share Access so I can open it.

If you are even one minute late in turning this assignment in, I will apply a 50% late penalty. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to IB.

I am looking forward to working with you next school year.