

OUTLINE PROPOSAL FORM

for Cambridge Pre-U

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Syllabus Title	History	Syllabus Code	9769
If this is a re-submission, please check box <input type="checkbox"/>		Component Number	6
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Title of Proposal	To what extent did Russian short term military and organisational errors determine the outcome of the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-1905

Details of Proposal (see over)	
<p>[Special subject: 51 Germany, 1919-1945]</p> <p>Bibliography: 1) "Rusia: War, Peace & Diplomacy"- John & Mark Erickson 2) "The War in the Far East"- Collected Articles from the Times (London) 3) "Aspects of the Russo-Japanese War"- Stewart Lone 4) "The Emergence of Japan as a world power 1895-1925" -Morinosuke Kajima 5) "The Enigma of Japanese Power"- Karel van Wolferen 6) "The Short Victorious War"- David Walder 7) "A Brief Diplomatic History of Modern Japan"- Morinosuke Kajima</p> <p>OUTLINE:</p> <p>When examining the course of the Russo-Japanese war it quickly becomes clear that there are a series of mistakes and incorrect preparations that were entirely avoidable and hindered the Russian war effort enormously. I want to focus on the short term cause and effect of these errors (such as the "Incident at Dogger Bank", misuse of the Trans-Siberian Railway and the unnecessary surrender of Port Arthur), rather than what might be perceived as the long term structural issues of the Russian empire.</p> <p>These events certainly did have considerable impact, but they may well have not been decisive. I also want to evaluate other key factors from the Japanese point of view. Of these the effect of Britain and diplomatic recognition, the quality of the Japanese army and navy and the extent to which proximity and better knowledge of the local area may have helped been the true reason for the perceived incompetence of the Russian military. I will also briefly look into the potential course of war had it been on larger scale and longer time frame, in effect the importance of the war being short and localised.</p>	
	Date

Comments:	
<p>Jennifer: Some very interesting ideas here and a sound start to your reading. This should work well. Although I understand your focus on the short term and the focus of the question, you will need to show that you are aware of the longer-term perspectives in your work. Do engage with the historical debate, and please make sure that you evaluate all the sources you use.</p>	
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 - (ii) the methods to be used to collect and analyse information and data and, where possible and appropriate, a brief list of sources;
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