

Theory of Knowledge
Summer Assignment

The purpose of this assignment is to give you a head start on the assessments for this course. You have already been given the List of Prescribed Titles from which you must choose for the external assessment, and you have the guidelines for the internal assessment. In addition, you have the assessment criteria for both assessments. You will use all of this information in completing this summer assignment.

External Assessment: For this portion of the summer assignment, you will write two journal entries concerning your preparation for the essay on a Prescribed Title. These will be graded using the same rubric I use for all journals.

Summer Journal #1

In this journal you will explore the knowledge issues involved in the title you choose. To complete this assignment you must choose your title (be sure to write the number and entire title you have selected). Then, in a standard-length journal entry, explore the knowledge issues relevant to this title. Consult Section A of the Assessment Criteria to see what IB means by “relevant” knowledge issues as well as depth and breadth of understanding. Your journal should demonstrate that you have fully considered these aspects of the title and your response to it.

Summer Journal #2

In this journal, you will examine the connections between the knowledge issues you identified in the first journal and your own experience as a learner. Consult Section B of the Assessment Criteria to see what IB means by “knower’s perspective.” This journal will demonstrate that you have fully considered your own connection to the title and how you, individually, will approach the title.

Internal Assessment: For this portion of the summer assignment, you will write one journal entry concerning your preparation for the Internal Assessment. This will be graded using the same rubric I use for all journals.

Summer Journal #3

In this journal you will identify the “substantive real-life situation of interest to (you)” on which you will do your presentation. Once you have identified the overall situation, your journal will explore the knowledge issues raised by this situation. Consult the Assessment Criteria to see how the IB views *knowledge issues*, *knower’s perspective*, and *connections*. Your journal must explain your thoughts on each of these areas, and it must explain/outline how you will deal with these requirements in your presentation.