

History

**OCR Advanced GCE 7835 Units 2592 or 2593 Independent Investigation
 Question Proposal Form**

For completion by a candidate – please ring 2592 or 2593, as appropriate

Exam: Summer 200__	Candidate first name & surname
Centre number	

If this is a re-submission, please attach your previous form showing the Assessor's comments.

My proposed question
Research Plan –what further questions will help me to focus my research?
Essay Plan – how can I structure the essay to answer my question?
Core sources (primary &/or secondary) I will evaluate to answer my question

You cannot complete this form successfully until you have undertaken some reading & thus already have some understanding of both the subject and the available sources.

Unless you complete all boxes on this page, your proposal cannot be judged effectively.

SPACE FOR OCR ASSESSOR'S COMMENTS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF THIS FORM

- 1 Each candidate selects his/her own question, guided by his/her teacher. The same question may **not** be used by every candidate within one centre.
- 2 Please send all forms to: A Level History Coursework Forms, OCR, 1 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB1 2EU with an addressed envelope for their return. Forms will **not** be accepted after 31 January.

REMINDERS

Proposal Forms

- Use of forms is optional, but strongly encouraged. Questions are neither approved nor rejected. Assessors are experienced examiners acting as friendly critics offering free advice.
- Allow up to 6 weeks for return of forms (especially in May-July when Assessors are busy marking).
- Attach this form to your Investigation when it is sent to the examiner for 15 May.

Investigations

- Structure your Investigation as an argument built around critical evaluation of sources &/or a debate. Critical evaluation requires more than just quoting sources & mentioning historians' names.
- Your Investigation may not study anything before 768AD.
- For guidance on preparing an Investigation, see *Teacher Support & Coursework Guidance* (single volume revised edition, 2005): www.ocr.org.uk under AS/A Level History ['Publications & Materials' tab].
- Unit 2592: aim to write c.2500 words. Everything counts except your footnotes & bibliography. Examiners stop reading at 3000 words; any excess will **not** be marked.
- Unit 2592: please use wide margins and double spacing; 12-point font is ideal.

**Your teacher is not allowed to mark your notes or any drafts of your Investigation.
An Independent Investigation must be exactly that – the work of you, the candidate.**