

ToK 12: Spring Semester

Our Spring Semester is actually very short. Much of the formal assessment for ToK is done by March. This means we have a lot to do in a short period of time. This schedule is meant to keep us all on track.

ToK Content - AoKs

We will finish the RKS AoK in the next two weeks which will leave us three weeks to consider history. This means we will have covered six AoKs since May of last year: Art, Natural Science, Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Math, Religious Knowledge Systems and History. The IB ToK guide recommends discussion of six AoKs prior to the ToK assessments, so this puts us right where we need to be. Here is the schedule for classes through March:

January 23: RKS/faith, ToK schedule	January 24: RKS/Diversity
January 30: RKS and the Natural sciences	February 1: RKS/Religious language
February 6: History case study 1	February 8: History Case study 2
February 13: History Case study 3	February 15: History case study 4
February 20: Spring PE unpacking and discussion	Feb. 22: Presentation group collaboration
February 27: Doing the presentation: guidance from IB	March 1: Presentation group collaboration
March 6: Mr. Reese on PE submission and other details	March 8: Presentation group collaboration
March 13,15, 20, 22, 27, 29: These are the three weeks of presentations. Class time will be spent finalizing the presentations and completing the TkPPD	

ToK Assessments

There are two formal assessments for those “testing” in IB ToK: the prescribed essay (67% of IB ToK grade) and the presentation (33% of IB ToK grade).

The prescribed essay must be submitted to IB by March 7 and the presentation must be completed and documentation submitted by April 13.

Aside from not submitting these items (and the TKPPD and TKPPF) to IB, those enrolled in ToK but not “testing” in ToK will complete the same assignments on the same timeline as those who are testing. For the purposes of the grade in my class, there is no distinction between those testing and those not testing. Participation will be scored once (after 2.20) and will require 5 participation points for 100%.

There are two forms you will submit to IB in addition to the PE. The first is the TKPPF which is a record of how you planned, wrote and got advice for the PE. For the purposes of the form, the first interaction should be the group brainstorm we did for the fall topic. The other two interactions can be coming to see me for help (if you did), receiving and responding to my feedback on either draft, or the unpacking session we will do for the other topics in February.

The second form is the TKPPD. This is a planning form for the presentation and should serve as an outline for the presentation itself. Since IB does not require video evidence of the presentations, these forms are the only evidence they will see when moderating my grade. For obvious reasons, making sure that this form is filled out thoroughly and appropriately is critical to your success on the presentation. I will discuss this form more when we get nearer to the presentation.

Both forms are available on my website as fillable PDFs.

Here are the due dates and timelines for each of these assignments:

Prescribed Essay:

- Draft of Spring PE due Monday, February 26
- Spring PE drafts returned with comments from Mr. Haydock on Friday, March 2
- Final Spring PE - due Tuesday, March 6
- Submission (To IBIS) of student’s choice of fall or spring PE and and completed TK PPF - Wednesday, March 7

Presentation:

- Group composition, real world situation (RWS) and central knowledge question (KQ) due to Mr. Haydock for his approval - Tuesday, February 6 (this can be done earlier)
- Draft TK PPD, pages 1-2 (written) - Due Thursday, March 1
- Final TK PPD, pages 1-2 (submitted to me electronically and physically) on the day of your presentation
- Presentations after school in D210 during the weeks of March 12,19 and 26 from 3:10-4:30. The exact dates will be determined and schedules established when groups are approved and we know how many presentations there will be. Attendance of the presentations is mandatory for all class members on each day presentations occur (this will be treated as class time and roll will be taken). Students with athletic competitions (not practices) will be excused during the competition dates.
- Seat time for presentations will be used to excuse students from ToK sessions during the months of April and May on a minute for minute basis (the likelihood is that there will be not class in April).