

Introduction

Music has been a medium for social metamorphosis on many occasions in history. From the anti-war protest music of 1960's and '70's United States, back to the birth of jazz in the 1920's which lead to profound social change of the of a younger generation. Music is a form of communication which is almost impossible to avoid, thus has the capability to change the hearts and minds of many. One example of this would be the rise of punk in the UK.

There are two assertions in this paragraph (first and third sentences) which need supporting with references

1970's Britain was met with a radical new sub-culture which grasped the attention of the nation; Punk. With Britain suffering unparalleled inflation and unemployment reaching 1.4 million, approximately one in ten of the population by the end of the decade, this rebellious new sub culture, punk, quickly rose in popularity. This is a World Studies Extended Essay

Correct but unreferenced figure

Are these points causally linked?

whereby my global issue is music as a catalyst for change and my local example is punk in 1970's Britain. This essay will contain material from the following IB subjects; History and Music.

It's good to see these two sentences but they need further development

The research question is present in the introduction

The aim of this essay is to evaluate how punk acted as a medium for social change and individualism in the arduous era, or whether it was a bandwagon focused around fashion.

First of all I will explore the brief history of punk from its roots in the 1960's America to the late 70's/early 80's UK movement. This essay will also explore the economic status quo and how that had a profound effect on the attitude of a discontented generation. This essay will also look at the different organisations and ideas which were born in conjunction with the new, radical subculture.

In assessing the introduction in all Extended Essays the examiner looks for the presence of the research question, the significance and context of the topic and why it is worthy of investigation. For a World Studies Extended Essay, it is also expected that a global issue and local manifestation will be identified (this is done in this case), and some rationale is given for choosing an interdisciplinary approach involving two Diploma subjects, and even some mention of key concepts. This is a very brief introduction which skims the surface of some of these ingredients.