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| **Subject** | **IB TOK** |
| **Year group** | **Lower 6th**  |

**Christmas Term**

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| **Week** | **Date** | **Aims for Assessment** | **ATL** | **ToK diaries/PREP** |
| 1 | September 11 | Introduction: The first 2 thinking skills of TOK; The third thinking skill of TOK; The Structure of the course | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills** | What is ToK? What is the purpose of ToK? WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iOJ5JDsWxFc&t=137s>Think of a real situation that happened to you where you believed the outcome and then doubted it? Why did you believe it? What caused your doubts? |
| 2 | September 18 | Assessing human potential; Confusion is good; TOK on the net | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills****ATL 5: Self-Management Skills** | Read out diary entriesAnswer the following.**Diary questions:** Why is confusion good? What global issues are we confused about today? Explore one in detail. |
| 3 | September 25 | Justified true belief?; Provide a definition of who you are; Who am I? | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills** | Is there really such a thing as ‘I’? If so, who are you? Consider a clock. Is there such a thing? |
| 4 | October 2 | VOTE DESCARTES! / VOTE LOCKE!; rationalism versus empiricism | **ATL 1: Research Skills** | **Diary question:** Will the sun rise tomorrow? Prove it. Is this empirical or rational reasoning? Is your proof . . . fool proof? |
| 5 | October 9 | Nature of knowledge hot-seat; **What insight does each quote give us into the way of knowing?** | **ATL 1: Research Skills****ATL 2: Communication Skills** | Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on emotion*. Find the quote by **ARNOLD BENNETT**  |
| 6 | October 16ASSESSMENTWEEK | WOKs and GMOs; Understanding the ways of knowing | **ATL 1: Research Skills** | Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on faith*. Find the quote by **FLANNERY O’CONNOR****How do you feel about GMOs now? How do you feel about Science? And the media?** |
| 7 | October 23 | Half term | **ATL 1: Research Skills** | Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on imagination*. Find the quote by **ALFRED NORTH WHITEHEAD** |
| 8 | October 30 | Ways of knowing hot-seat; First thoughts on emotion; Emotion hot-seat | **ATL 1: Research Skills****ATL 2: Communication Skills** | Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on intuition*. Find the quote by **JOHANN KASPAR LAVATER**Diary question: **Is emotion a benefit or a burden? Support your answer with personal or shared knowledge.** |
| 9 | November 6 | Emotional void; Revisiting empathy; **University decisions;** University choices | **ATL 1: Research Skills** | Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on language*. Find the quote by **RALPH WALDO EMERSON**Diary questions: **Do we empathise or sympathise with ourselves? Do we empathise more with the known or the unknown in our lives?** |
| 10 | November 13 | First thoughts on faith; Faith hot-seat; Faith and science | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills****ATL 5: Self-Management Skills** | Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on memory*. Find the first quote by **BARBARA KINGSOLVER**Diary question: **Can the idea of faith line up with the Socratic method?** |
| 11 | November 20 | First thoughts on imagination; Imagination hot-seat; Lacking imagination | **ATL 1: Research Skills** | Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on reason*. Find the quote by **THOMAS JEFFERSON**Diary question: **Is empathy and imagination the same thing? Can imagination ever be a bad thing?** |
| 12 | November 27 | First thoughts on intuition; Intuition hot-seat; Monty Hall | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills** | Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on sense perception*. Find the quote by **RENE DESCARTES**Diary question: **What is the difference between intuition and instinct? Are there really differences between anything?** |
| 13 | December 4 | First thoughts on language; Language hot-seat; Sticks and stones | **ATL 1: Research Skills****ATL 2: Communication Skills** | How do businesses take advantage of the way language can be used to manipulate us? See -<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/food-and-drink/expensive-restaurants-use-embellished-language-in-menus-to-charge-more-per-meal-10048993.html>.Diary question: **If you think you are being manipulated, which many people often do, is that a good thing or a bad thing?** |
| 14 | December 11 | *School exams*. |  |  |

**Easter Term**

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| **Week** | **Date** | **Aims for Assessment** | **ATL** | **ToK diaries/PREP** |
| 1 | January 8 | Romeo and Juliet; Evolving language; Smooth moves | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills****ATL 5: Self-Management Skills** |  |
| 2 | January 15 | First thoughts on memory; Memory hot-seat; False implants; Memory and identity | **ATL 1: Research Skills** **ATL 3: Social Skills** |  |
| 3 | January 22 | First thoughts on reason; Reason hot-seat; Fear and reason | **ATL 1: Research Skills** **ATL 3: Social Skills** | Look at the Global Research website to find out the reality of these threats see <http://www.globalresearch.ca/the-terrorism-statistics-every-american-needs-to-hear/5382818>). |
| 4 | January 29 | Deduction and induction; Enemies of reason (?) | **ATL 1: Research Skills** **ATL 3: Social Skills** | Students to watch the first part of Enemies of Reason, which can be accessed on YouTube see:<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyQ57X3YhH4>). |
| 5 | February 5ASSESSMENTWEEK | Your Personal Reading; Tricks of the mind | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills****ATL 5: Self-Management Skills** |  |
| 6 | February 12 | Half term | **ATL 1: Research Skills** **ATL 3: Social Skills** | Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on the arts*. Find the quote by **FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE**Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on ethics*. Find the quote by **SAMUEL BUTLER**Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on history*. Find the quote by **WINSTON CHURCHILL**Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on human sciences*. Find the quote by **JULIAN BAGGINI**Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on indigenous knowledge systems*. Find the quote by **MOU****RNING DOVE**Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on mathematics*. Find the first quote by **ALBERT EINSTEIN**Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on natural sciences*. Find the quote by **WILLIAM LAWRENCE BRAGG**Go to theoryofknowledge.net, and look in *Quotes on religious knowledge systems*. Find the quote by **BENJAMIN DISRAELI**Diary questions: **If a smell or sight were perfectly replicated, as is becoming more and more possible, what is the difference between the original and the synthetic? What makes one more real than the other?** |
| 7 | February 19 | First thoughts on sense perception; Name that smell; Hierarchy of the senses; Optical illusions show how we see | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills** | Understanding the areas of knowledgeCAN YOU THINK IN YOUR GROUP of any AOKS that should have been included. Why? Why weren’t they? |
| 8 | February 26 | Context is all; Sense perception hot-seat | **ATL 2: Communication Skills** |  |
| 9 | March 5 | **What insight does each quote give us into the area of knowledge?** | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills****ATL 5: Self-Management Skills** |  |
| 10 | March 12 | Defining death; The knowledge framework | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills** | USING YOUR WOKS and your AOKS, Diary question: **Is death only a truth born of consciousness? And if it is not a uniform truth, is it even real?****Mention a real example to back up your claim****REPORT BACK TO THE CLASS. If one of your fellow students were lying, who would it be and why?****Which WOKs and AOKs were employed in each students’ arguments?** |
| 11 | March 19ASSESSMENTWEEK | First thoughts on the arts; The arts – knowledge framework part 1; What is art? | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills****ATL 5: Self-Management Skills** |  |

**Summer Term**

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| **Week** | **Date** | **Aims for Assessment** |  | **ToK diaries/PREP** |
| 1 | April 16 | Getting art; The arts hot-seat; Stacks of oranges | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills** | Diary questions: **Which is more important, saving lives or saving spirits? Which does art do?** |
| 2 | April 23 | Being Atticus; The arts – knowledge framework part 2; First thoughts on ethics | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills** | Diary question: **If literature delivers a message using structure, unpacking insight in just such a way as to reveal its depths, is it actually a superior form of experience to life, which has no sense of timing or structure?** |
| 3 | April 30 | Ethics– knowledge framework part 1; Dormer’s dilemma; Ethics hot-seat | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills****ATL 5: Self-Management Skills** | describe Dormer’s dilemma |
| 4 | May 7 | Moral origins; Ethics – knowledge framework part 2 | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills****ATL 5: Self-Management Skills** | Diary question: **If pleasure ends, do we cease being pleasured?** |
| 5 | May 14 | First thoughts on history; the special subject | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills****ATL 5: Self-Management Skills** | Diary question: **Why does history have a special place in TOK?** |
| 6 | May 21ASSESSMENTWEEK | Half term |  | Diary question**: Why when a person dies, do we talk about them in the past tense?** |
| 7 | May 28 | Half term  |  |  |
| 8 | June 4 | Presentation PREP | **ATL 4: Thinking Skills****ATL 5: Self-Management Skills** | History – knowledge framework part 1; History hot-seat; Academic opinion as a source of historical knowledge; Eyewitness testimony as a source of historical evidence; Movies (and the arts in general) as sources of historical knowledge; School textbooks as sources of historical knowledge |
| 9 | June 11 |  | **ATL 1: Research Skills** **ATL 3: Social Skills****ATL 5: Self-Management Skills** | The media as a source of historical knowledge; Sources of history (1) and (2); **Bias and selective evidence;** History – knowledge framework part 2PRESENTATION DOCUMENT: <https://www.westada.org/cms/lib8/ID01904074/Centricity/Domain/6979/TOK%20Presentation%20doc.pdf> |
| 10 | June 18 | Presentation: the real deal | **ATL 1: Research Skills** **ATL 3: Social Skills****ATL 5: Self-Management Skills** |  |
| 11 | June 25 | *School exams*. |  |  |
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