



National Certificate of Educational Achievement
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Exemplar for Internal Achievement Standard History Level 2

This exemplar supports assessment against:

Achievement Standard 91230

Examine an historical event or place that is of significance to New Zealanders

An annotated exemplar is an extract of student evidence, with a commentary, to explain key aspects of the standard. It assists teachers to make assessment judgements at the grade boundaries.

New Zealand Qualifications Authority

To support internal assessment

	Grade Boundary: Low Excellence
1.	<p>For Excellence, the student needs to comprehensively examine an historical event or place that is of significance to New Zealanders.</p> <p>This involves communicating key historical ideas through a convincing explanation of the event or place, with comprehensive supporting evidence and an explanation of its significance to New Zealanders.</p> <p>In this student's evidence about the death of Princess Diana, the student has consistently presented the key historical idea for each paragraph in the first sentence of the paragraph, and provided convincing explanations in most paragraphs. For example, the case is clearly presented with regard to the royal family reputation (1) and whether someone spiked Henri Paul's drinks (3).</p> <p>The student has also provided some comprehensive evidence, e.g. the section on Henri Paul's drinking (3) and provided sound explanation of the event's significance to New Zealanders (5).</p> <p>For a more secure Excellence, the student could provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more comprehensive evidence, for example a more detailed description of royal attitudes and actions towards Diana (1) • a more convincing explanation by supporting ideas with evidence rather than conjecturing (4), for example the activities of the paparazzi on the night could be described to support the view that they contributed to the crash.

Officially Accepted Story:

On August 31st 1997, Diana Princess of Wales died from injuries sustained in a terrible car crash. The crash happened in the Pont de l'Alma road tunnel in Paris, France. Diana was with three other people; her boyfriend Dodi Fayed and the driver of the Mercedes-Benz W140, Henri Paul. Henri Paul was responsible for transporting Dodi and Diana from the Ritz Hotel to Dodi's apartment. They hired a black 1994 Mercedes-Benz S280. A similar decoy vehicle left the hotel first in an attempt to escape the paparazzi that never left Diana's side. With Dodi and Diana's vehicle leaving the hotel slightly later at around 12.20 am, from the rear Rue Cambon exit of the hotel they began their fateful journey...

Conspiracy theories:

Royal Family - MI6

Dodi's father Mohamed Al-Fayed contended that the crash killing his son and Princess Diana on the night of August 31st was orchestrated by the MI6 (The British Secret Service)...

[1] These sorts of claims brought unwanted attention towards Diana herself and also the royal family. This theory was very serious and in some aspects, relatively easy to believe. Prince Charles showed some remorse towards Diana's death but was not as upset as some would expect after the death of such an important person like Diana. The high reputation that the Royal Family must uphold could have played a very big role in Diana's future after she divorced Prince Charles. The power that they hold allowed them to make a lot of big decisions. The MI6 are highly skilled and could easily cover their tracks...

[2] A strong point about this conspiracy theory is that the Royal Family did show displeasure towards Diana after she divorced Prince Charles. This makes it easy to believe that they could want her to stop putting their name and reputation at risk. Assassinating Diana seems like the most outrageous way to resolve this problem and a very unlikely one. Another hard thing to believe about this conspiracy theory is that the Royal Family who are very well known, would hire a secret service to kill such a well-known and well liked woman like Diana. The actions of the Royal Family are well documented and they are constantly living their lives in the spotlight. Diana was the mother of the future heir to the throne and who was once the wife of Prince Charles. I believe she was an unlikely target for the Royal Family to have killed.

MI6 Paparazzi Involvement

The paparazzi were known as 'legalised stalkers' that could push people to the brink by constantly following them. A conspiracy theory conjoint with the Royal Family- MI6 theory was that members of the MI6 were disguised as paparazzi and were at the scene of the crash. The theory was that the MI6 members chased...

[3] Henri Paul - Was he spiked?

The main question surrounding Paul's state is how he became so drunk? Also how did he get such a strong mixture of drugs in his body? Theories state that someone in the Ritz Hotel may have spiked Henri Paul's drink and that he was unaware of the deadly cocktail mix in his body when he went to drive. There are reports from August 2013 stating that Henri Paul's family believe their son was murdered along with Diana and Dodi. They would like for there to be further investigation into the possibilities of Henri's drink being spiked. It is very clear that Henri had been drinking that night, possibly uncontrollably, and it has been highly debated as to why Diana got into the car with him when he was visibly drunk. Why did her bodyguard, Trevor Rees-Jones not stop Diana from leaving? Rees-Jones stated in an interview with French investigators that it was Dodi Fayed's idea to call Henri Paul back on duty to drive them from the hotel. Rees-Jones also claims that he has no memory of any of

the events of the crash after they left the Ritz Hotel in the black Mercedes. It is quite possible that Fayed was also in a relatively drunk state and his decision-making wasn't very clear. This could allow for a lot of poor decisions to be made that unfortunately had terrible consequences. Henri Paul was somewhat blamed for the crash along with other factors like the paparazzi. The questions about why Diana got in the car with a drunk driver remain unanswered. The idea of Henri Paul and Dodi Fayed being involved in a plot to kill Diana are relatively realistic. It seems that Diana could not be the only one killed as she was always surrounded by lots of people. If someone wished for her to be killed it would have to look like an accident and the only way for that to happen is if other people potentially died as well. Subtly spiking an oblivious Paul's drink would possibly have been very easy and the consequences of the drugs in his body resulted in the crash and death of Diana that someone may have wanted. The main question is who possibly spiked the drink because they are most likely to know who wished for Diana to be killed...

[4] After examining a wide range of conspiracy theories and the official enquiry surrounding the death of Princess Diana, I have come to the conclusion that I believe to be true. The official enquiry examines every accessible detail surrounding Diana's death. I understand that the driver of the black Mercedes-Benz was drunk and this was a very significant factor that contributed to them crashing. I do not understand why Diana was not stopped from getting in a car with a drunk driver. Diana had her bodyguard and boyfriend with her and she was still able to leave in the car. I would expect tighter security surrounding the Princess' safety and well-being. I have no doubt the paparazzi were persistent as per usual on the night of Diana's death. I believe Diana and her entourage were trying to leave the hotel without causing a scene but were unsuccessful. I understand that Diana was trying to leave the hotel and reach the apartment in privacy. I believe the speed the Mercedes travelled at was to get rid of the paparazzi but the combination of that and the drugs and alcohol in driver, Henri Paul's body were a fatal mix. I don't think the Royal Family or the MI6 had any involvement in Diana's death but I do question how such a lethal concoction of drugs and alcohol ever managed to enter Henri Paul's system without him knowing. There was little investigation into who had access to Paul's drinks the night of the crash but I would not rule out the possibility of foul play. I believe that all possible conspiracy theories would have been considered and worked through thoroughly by the investigators. I don't believe there is any further reason to believe that the theories are true. The official inquest into Diana's death was so thoroughly investigated and I am sure all possible evidence was considered... I believe the official story to be the truth about Diana's tragic death...

[5] Diana's death was hugely significant to New Zealand as were the conspiracies that followed it. Because New Zealand is part of the Commonwealth means that we have the same ideas of democracy as Britain and several other countries. The people of these nations would have felt as though they could no longer put their trust and faith into the monarchy after the actions of the Queen that they saw after Diana's death. The British Monarchy were potentially corrupt and the damage towards their public image could never really be forgotten. The Royal Family had gone from such a popular image to one of internal fraud and dishonour. The shock of Diana's death combined with the suspicious theories that circulated afterwards would have significantly affected New Zealanders and the way they saw and respected the family...

[6] Although the Royal Families involvement in Diana's death was only a conspiracy theory the more significant effect on the New Zealand public was why the Queen didn't show a great deal of remorse. The factual details of the crash revealed how Diana was so tragically killed but it cannot be explained as to why the Royal Family acted the way they did after her death. Grief can severely affect the way people act but from someone as important and experienced as the Queen can we not have expected more from her during such a tragic time of grief?...

	Grade Boundary: High Merit
2.	<p>For Merit, the student needs to examine, in-depth, an historical event or place that is of significance to New Zealanders.</p> <p>This involves communicating key historical ideas through a coherent explanation of the event or place, with detailed supporting evidence and an explanation of its significance to New Zealanders.</p> <p>In this student's evidence about the 9/11 attack, the student has consistently presented the key historical idea at the beginning of each paragraph, and provided explanation that is coherent throughout. There is also detail through coverage of eight different conspiracy theories, and supporting evidence, e.g. specifics about NIST (2), NORAD (3), thermite explosives (5), engineering journals (6) and New Zealand troops in Afghanistan (11).</p> <p>The student has also provided a well-considered section on the significance of the event to New Zealanders, which covers a broad range of considerations (7).</p> <p>To reach Excellence, the student could ensure that the evidence is consistently relevant to the topic that has been established. For example, discussion of structural failings of the building (1) is not discussion of a conspiracy. There could also be more comprehensive supporting evidence, for example in the section on the controlled demolition conspiracy theory (4).</p> <p>More in-depth evidence rather than speculation could be presented in the section about significance to New Zealanders (8) (9) (10).</p>

Overview of event:

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001 there were four organised terrorist attacks upon Washington D.C. and New York City in the United States that were instigated by the Islamic terrorist group called al-Qaeda. These attacks were done via four passenger airliners became hijacked by nineteen members of the al-Qaeda group and were crashed into buildings of the New York City south and north towers of the World Trade Centre complex, the Pentagon and also a field in Pennsylvania. After only two hours the two towers that had been crashed into by two of the airliners had fallen down into a pile of debris and subsequently fires occurred which caused other buildings in the complex to be partially damaged or completely destroyed...

Conspiracy theories

People believe in conspiracy theories about the attacks. People wrote about their unease a few hours after the attacks on things such as the internet; "If, in a few days, not one official has mentioned anything about the controlled demolition, I think we have a REALLY serious problem." As more and more people began to write about their unease on the internet, people became increasingly worried about the security in their country and reliable their border security really was. There were accusations made towards Mossad (National Intelligence Agency for Israel) as no Jews were killed during the attacks which made some people believe that Mossad did the attack not the Islamic terrorists.

There are eight different conspiracy theories that have emerged because of attacks that are as follows: A connection between Column 79 on Floor 13 failed, war games were organised by people who knew the event was going to occur, passports of hijackers were all found intact, excessive amount of money entered into airline stocks, FFA told to stand down by NORAD, The Pentagon was hit by a missile which was launched into the building by the U.S. government, World trade centre had controlled demolition, The Pentagon and Flight 93. The most commonly believed conspiracy theory is that the World Trade Centre and the Twin Towers were destroyed by flights crashing into them and explosives going off a little while later, rather than the event being caused by the buildings structure failing and the fire wrecking the building further than it already was. This was backed up by the support of the civil engineering community and was clarified by the Governor of the 9/11 Commission by Thomas Kean.

- [1] The first theory was that one connection of a long-span girder between Column 79 on Floor 13 failed, which caused the whole building of the World Trade Centre to collapse. It was found that
- [2] the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) had not fully checked this connection and although they did fix part of the problem, it did not fully fix it. If NIST had checked the connection correctly and to the standards they should have been, then that cause would have been ruled out and other causes would have been looked at more in depth. NIST themselves blamed the failure of the connection on the lack of shear studs on the critical girder but later on said that any conspiracy theories other than that of the terrorist group crashing into the buildings were completely untrue.

- [3] The second theory suggests that someone who knew the attacks were going to occur, had organised for 'War games' to be on which were well away from New York and Washington D.C, making the North American Aerospace Defence (NORAD) aircraft unable to help out fast enough. Evidence that supports this theory is when one of the NORAD employees and air-traffic controller were having a conversation and the only thing that the NORAD employee was interested in was, "Is this real world or exercise?" This had been recorded by the air-traffic controller. This meant that the NORAD employee (this person is unknown) thought it peculiar that as they were going through the exercise of 'war games' when such a crisis was on...

- [4] The sixth theory was that the World Trade Centre only collapsed because it was a controlled demolition. A lot of the building was made out of one of the world's most advanced steel and if crashed into even by a large object such as a plane, should have been able to withstand such

[5] impact and still have been standing even when the fires began. It has been suggested that perhaps Nano-thermite and thermite explosive was planted in the buildings' structures before 9/11 and traces of it were found in the remnants of the buildings after they had collapsed. But there was no evidence to show how the thermite would have been smuggled into the building. The theory still has believers because when the clean-up was happening there were no tests done for explosives residues. That is taken as more evidence of a conspiracy. There have been many articles and reports as a result of this conspiracy theory, for example in *The Open*

[6] *Civil Engineering Journal* and *Journal of Engineering Mechanics* and most of them debunk the theory but many people still believe this theory.

[7] **Significance to New Zealand:**

[8] The New Zealand people were affected by the attacks in different ways. One way was that many New Zealanders may have had family members and friends who were in New York, Washington D.C. or anywhere in America at the time and who were affected in some way by the attacks e.g. rescue relief people, people who died or got injured etc. Because of this, fear

[9] would have been instilled into families and friends that the American security is not stern enough or safe enough and as a result New Zealanders may want their family members and friends to come home and may not wish to travel on any airline owned by America or travel into or near America as they are scared for their own welfare. People from New Zealand would also

[10] be worried in general about travelling anywhere around the world as they may become suspicious of other countries security levels as well. New Zealand then followed many security measures that other countries in the United Nations had like increasing the amount of scanning equipment we had in our border security as well as how thorough they were, introduced different kinds of security at airport terminals like in depth body searches and also they did random background checks on passengers flying from and into New Zealand to find out why they were in New Zealand, why they were leaving etc. The downfall of all these new security measures however was that the amount of time passengers spent in border security was lengthened a lot more which meant that people had to spend longer in airline terminals which created anger and annoyance in the passengers undergoing security checks. Another way the New Zealand people would have been affected is in the way that we showed our support for the United States. Straight after the event happened, New Zealand responded immediately (within 6 weeks) by deploying a large group of our own SAS agents to Tora Bora in Afghanistan where

[11] they fought next to American troops as well as the United Kingdom and members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) against the War on Terror. But after a while New Zealand became less involved and supportive of America as the time from when the event actually happened wore on. Two New Zealand people died in the 9/11 attacks and therefore only two members and family groups in New Zealand became affected so not a lot of people were being affected. Now the 9/11 attacks is remembered by perhaps a silence for a few minutes on the actual anniversary day of when the event occurred but that is all now. Which is rather sad considering how large the event was and that a great number of people were killed and the event wasn't just planes crashing into a building and a field but also that it resulted in fires occurring which further damaged buildings around the buildings that were crashed into and that it was the most dangerous event recorded in U.S fire fighter history.

My thoughts:

I think that the most believable story of what actually happened is the one that is the accepted story. The reason I think this is that most of the other theories are too extreme or do not have enough evidence to back them up for example the theory that the Pentagon was hit by a missile which was launched into the building by the U.S. government is rather extreme as a government wanting to harm its own people is a very terrible situation and would result in a lot of rebellion and disbelief in the government from the citizens...

	Grade Boundary: Low Merit
3.	<p>For Merit, the student needs to examine, in-depth, an historical event or place that is of significance to New Zealanders.</p> <p>This involves communicating key historical ideas through a coherent explanation of the event or place, with detailed supporting evidence and an explanation of its significance to New Zealanders.</p> <p>In this student's evidence about the attack on Pearl Harbour, the student has presented the key historical idea for each paragraph in the first sentence of the paragraph in Section 1, and provided details in that section of the conspiracy theories, e.g. the freezing of assets (2), reference to the Anti-Comintern Pact (3).</p> <p>The student has also made important observations about the significance of Pearl Harbour to New Zealand, e.g. the fostering of political ties with U.S. (9), domestic ties with U.S. soldiers (10), and tensions (11).</p> <p>For a more secure Merit, the student could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure that key historical ideas are presented consistently, including in the 'Conspiracy Theories' and the 'Significance to New Zealand' sections, where narrative style prevails instead • ensure that problems with demonstrating understanding (1) (3) (6) are avoided • ensure that problems with factual accuracy (2) (5) are avoided. <p>Greater depth of explanation in some of the matters raised would also help towards a more secure Merit (4) (7). For example, in the discussion of opposition to Roosevelt (4) in both houses of Congress, more detail could be expected on what it took to win their support in order to gain funding for mobilisation of the American economy.</p>

PEARL HARBOR - Event Summary

On the morning of Sunday December 7th, 1941 the Japanese launched a naval based air attack on the US military naval base at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii. The base was located on the south side of the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

Sunday was regarded as a resting day for the naval personnel based Pearl Harbour which is part of why the Japanese were able to make such a significant launch on the US. The Japanese attacked the base from the air, bombing the site and many of the ships...

CONSPIRACY THEORIES

There are a few conspiracy theories around Pearl Harbour and whether or not the US president of the time, Franklin Roosevelt knew about the attack before it happened and instead of putting measures in place to prevent it allowing it to happen.

1. President Roosevelt let the attack commence despite of having knowledge that it would happen as he wanted to provoke Hitler into declaring war against the U.S. Provoking the Axis powers was the only way that the US could enter the war as all other members of the congress had declined US entry into the war. [1] If the president had also gone past the congress he would be breaking his oath he took assuring the American public that he in no way was America would enter the war unless directly attacked. The US were already [2] supplying weapons to the Allied forces and the US also had frozen its assets, aspects which were meant to provoke Germany but these aspects also displayed strength of the US. As [3] Japan was part of the Axis powers after signing the Anti-Comintern Pact in 1936, consisting of Germany, Japan and Italy after other countries also joined they were a target to be provoked. By provoking the Japanese to attack the other powers would have also been drawn, into attacking the US especially as they showed weakness. He also let Japan attack first so it would aggravate the general public enough so the government had the support to go to war. [4] This would give Roosevelt more economic and political power in the US. By provoking them and isolating the Japanese politically and also cutting oil supplies the Japanese were aggravated to attack.

- There is evidence that high ranking officers and diplomats in the US were aware of the attack. One of the key pieces of information that gives some evidence of this is the cracking of code "purple" in 1940. This code enabled the US military to intercept important messages of the Japanese diplomatic code including messages sent that would warn the US of the impending attack. This includes a message that was decoded asking for the locations of all the ships and weaponries at Pearl Harbour. This should have sent alarm bells that the Japanese were planning an attack on America which was then shown to President [5] Roosevelt as he was shown all decoded messages. The decoded bomb plot message was [6] then investigated in a later inquiry after the attack with specific evidence being brought up showing the Japanese knowledge of where the ships and weaponries were placed at Pearl Harbour. As the Japanese were approaching Pearl Harbour there is significant evidence that the Japanese broke radio silence enabling nearby ships and military personnel in bases to decode the messages and also to locate their position. This evidence is important in showing that Roosevelt knew about the impending attack.

2. Churchill knew about the attacks and failed to warn the US about the attacks because the Allies needed the Americans to join the war as they were struggling at the time under the pressure of the Axis powers. With limited weapons, supplies and a depleting army the Allies needed full support from one of the most powerful countries in the world if they had any chance in overcoming Hitler.

There is some evidence that the British had also broken down Japanese military codes and decrypted them as the US had done though [7] failed to tell the US of what they perceived as an impending attack. This enabled them into 'tricking' the US into joining the war which in turn would lead the British into defeating Hitler...

SIGNIFICANCE TO NEW ZEALAND

Pearl Harbour was significant to New Zealand as it brought the Americans into the war against Japan, eventually halting the Japanese before they reached New Zealand. As New Zealand is such an isolated country and due to having the bulk of our armed forces fighting in Europe we would not have been able to defend ourselves without the US which would have led to a greater loss in lives.

Also in comparison to countries which had a heavy military influence like Japan New Zealand was unprepared and insignificant. Also due to a reasonably large supply of untouched natural resources, which Japan needed after trade embargos from the U.S. New Zealand would be a strong target. By Japan attacking Pearl Harbour and inducing America's involvement in the war it gave New Zealand some protection as we were aware that [8] we would be incapable of defending ourselves for an extended period of time let alone the colonies in the pacific further north.

Also with the US entrance into the war a greater quantity of resources was brought into the war shortening the war. This led to more saved lives than if they had stayed in isolation. New Zealand suffered a particularly high rate of death in the war in comparison to the population at the time. The joint participation and stationing of American soldier's fighting in the pacific [9] here strengthened the political ties with America. This has led to the further development of the economy today opening new ties with the country. It has also meant the heavy reliance on the American economy for stability. It also enabled New Zealand to space itself from the 'mother country', England giving us more freedom and independence. This was emphasised [10] further by the influence that the American soldiers had on the New Zealand women with approximately 1500 marriages between American soldiers and NZ women. Some of these [11] relationships caused tensions in NZ men towards the US troops leading in some cases to violence. This has also meant, because of this, that other influential historical events that may have otherwise been insignificant have taken great importance in our lives. This however has also lead to New Zealand's heavy reliance on the US.

If they had known about the attack in advance and had taken action to prevent it the US may not have fully entered the war. This may have led to the different outcome in the European war or a longer conflict resulting in a higher casualty rate. For New Zealand this would have meant that our forces would have suffered higher casualties. Approximately 150,000 New Zealanders served in war with about 11,900 dying.

	Grade Boundary: High Achieved
4.	<p>For Achieved, the student needs to examine an historical event or place that is of significance to New Zealanders.</p> <p>This involves communicating key historical ideas through a coherent explanation of an event or place, with supporting evidence, and describing its significance to New Zealanders.</p> <p>In this student's evidence about Hitler's death, the student has discussed three different theories about Hitler's fate (1) (2) (3), with particular attention to one (2) and used the first sentence of each paragraph to communicate the key historical idea for the paragraph (8). The student has also established several ways in which the death of Hitler was significant to New Zealanders (5).</p> <p>To reach Merit, the student could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss a wider range of evidence, especially the most likely, e.g. evidence associated with Hitler's suicide, Russia's role in removing evidence and more recent forensic examination of that evidence • provide better balance by concentrating on the more likely theories rather than the least likely (2) • ensure that problems with coherence of explanations in the examination of evidence (4) (5) (6) (7) are avoided • ensure that the significance to New Zealanders section is written more succinctly (10) and in a way that avoids repetition (9) (11).

In 1945 World War Two was coming to an end and to the misfortune of the Nazi's the Allies were winning the battle. The Russians were fast invading into Berlin and because of the deteriorating situation of the Nazi's defeat was imminent. Hitler retreated into his private bunker where he faced the difficult choice; admit defeat and surrender to the Russians where he will pay for his crimes, or suicide.

- [1] There is a conspiracy theory claiming that the authenticity of Hitler's suicide was a lie and the truth was that he escaped in a ghost convoy to Argentina where he lived out the rest of his life. So the famous story goes that Hitler shot himself and also bit into a cyanide capsule.
- [4] This story was rejected by the public and the most popular theory that was widely believed on the death of Hitler was his escape to Argentina. This was more well believed because of the lack of evidence against the theory, in fact there was evidence pointing towards it. The witnesses to the account of Hitler being alive after his 'suicide' had a stronger validity compared to a dodgy story given by Rochus Misch. The story goes that Hitler faked his death in the bunker to cover any evidence that he was still alive and with the aid of high ranking officers, he moved around a few European countries first before finally landing in Argentina. Abel Basti is a famous author/historian who wrote the book "Hitler in Argentina" which was based on the theory. He did much research into the topic and came up with many plausible sources of evidence in favour of the theory. "I was able to confirm the presence of Hitler in Spain..."
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- [2] There is a strange conspiracy theory around the death of Hitler that lies outside of the normal claims. This is the theory that Hitler fled to the moon using secret and advanced rocket/space technology, it also ties into the fact that people have been linking UFO activity to the Nazi's. The theory states that upon the time of the end of the war Hitler faked his own death and flew to the moon with his new bride Eva, who also faked her death. There, on the moon, they established a top secret Nazi facility, living in an underground hideout on the moon. Many incidents of Alien activity has been linked back to the Nazi's and claimed that it was to do with the advanced technology that they developed. This also happened with the Roswell UFO crash in New Mexico, 1947, this was a famous incident that included the crash of a UFO in what is now known as Area 51. The spaceship was classified as alien when elements were found on the spaceship that were not on the periodic table and did not originate in any way from earth. There was also a claim on this theory that alien bodies were found but there is no real proof or evidence of that. However this incident has now been linked back to the Nazi's and that the spaceship was actually an advanced craft that was from the Nazi's and the moon base. Many people blew this theory off as another wild claim but people are looking into the incident again and the fact that there could be evidence pointing to the possibility that the Nazi's did move to the moon. Sir Roy Fedden, an aeronautical engineer and Chief of the Technical Mission to Germany for the Ministry of Aircraft Production states that 'The only craft that could approach the capabilities attributed to the flying saucers seen around the world during the late 1940s and early 1950s were those being designed by the Germans towards the end of the war.' He also said that "I have seen enough of their designs and production plans to realize that if they (the Germans) had managed to prolong the war some months longer, we would have been confronted with a set of entirely new and deadly developments in air warfare." This led people to believe the fact that the Nazi's had mastered the technology of anti-gravity because of their amazing technology and capability and resources to develop this. Fedden also mentioned the fact that the Germans were working aeronautical projects that were very different and unusual in shape, he however could not develop on this statement. The Nazi's would have had resources on the moon that would have been useful for life away from earth such as Helium-3 for Nuclear Fusion Reactors which would have provided light and power. As well as finding a Swastika shaped structure on the moon NASA explored further and found even more structures on the dark side of the moon. Is this tied in with aliens and the reason we have never returned to the moon, or is it Nazi activity? These theories and shreds of claims and statements gives the theory height but the fact that there is no solid evidence and nothing to prove the Nazi's being on the moon this makes the theory unlikely to have happened.

- [6] The most likely theory from all of the ones that have surfaced would be the escape route to Argentina and the fact he lived out the rest of his life there. This is because of the evidence that points towards the possibility that this is true, such as the research done by author and historian to find a witness that claimed to the fact that Hitler did in fact escape and confirmed his presence in Spain. Which was his fourth place of visit on his escape voyage to Argentina. This gives a piece of solid evidence towards the fact that Argentina was a plausible theory. As well as the second piece of big information that leads to the theory was throughout the death of Hitler the Russians were very secretive around evidence, Stalin himself then admitted to Western Leaders that Hitler may have escaped to Spain or South America, this is interesting as they are both places that he supposedly went during his escape. The fact that evidence supporting the suicide of Hitler is so sparse and flimsy sways people to believe the theory on Argentina.
- [3] The evidence that supports the suicide of Hitler is the statements from witnesses. Rochus Misch was one of the main witnesses to Hitler's suicide and the fact he claims he sees no blood after Hitler shot himself in the head is unlikely and points the fact that he faked it. On the psychological side he shows no remorse when speaking of the death of one of the people he was closest to is strange. Also the fact that the Army Officer who analysed the bunker said he could not find any evidence or remains that Hitler killed himself in here is also strange in terms of validity, no blood splatters on the wall or any other pieces of evidence. This all points to the fact that the most valid conspiracy theory is Hitler's escape to Argentina. However does this compare to the historically accepted version of the story that says Hitler committed suicide? Although the evidence points towards the escape to Argentina this is only the most valid conspiracy theory, the most internationally accepted story is the one including the big factor that Hitler did die that day in the bunker. The main factor that differentiates the two stories is the conspiracy theory is mainly based on the secrecy of the Russians. This was the main factor that raised questions in the first place. Although there is evidence that points towards the escape to Argentina, the whole theory was based on a mysterious suspicion anyway and therefore the foundations of the theory are flimsy and do not stand against the most worldwide accepted version.
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- [8] The death of Hitler was very significant to many New Zealanders. Throughout the duration of World War Two around 140,000 soldiers and staff served in the Allied Forces, 100,000 were stationed for home guard duty and at the end of the war 194,000 men and 10,000 women had served in the war. In total about 12,000 New Zealanders died. This was a huge impact on New Zealand because of the huge war effort meant that many sons, fathers and brothers were away in the name of New Zealand. At the death of Hitler it meant that the soldiers that had been away for so long could finally come home. It was also a symbol and a beacon of hope and relief for those families that had lost loved ones to know that the war was over and the person that had caused so much strife and tragedy was dead. It marked the end of the war, the end of a tyrannical reign from Germany and the end of economic stress as we did not have to export food and supplies to our soldiers anymore. The conspiracy theories that followed that said Hitler was still alive had a huge impact to many New Zealanders that had served in the war and people that had lost loved ones in the war were impacted as they felt all efforts were in vain as the man they wanted to beat was not really dead. This had an effect on the soldiers that had just come home from a long battle to find out that the man they had been fighting so long to bring down had actually escaped and made a break for locations elsewhere. This made the long world war a hopeless and worthless effort to find that the Germans in fact might have Hitler still alive and residing in another country, unknown to most people. The war in itself had a huge toll on the soldiers being in an environment of killing and war for so long, seeing some of their fellow soldiers die on the battlefield would have been a heavy an experience that would have had a damaging effect.
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	Grade Boundary: Low Achieved
5.	<p>For Achieved, the student needs to examine an historical event or place that is of significance to New Zealanders.</p> <p>This involves communicating key historical ideas through a coherent explanation of an event or place, with supporting evidence, and describing its significance to New Zealanders.</p> <p>In this student's evidence about the death of Princess Diana, the student has provided key historical ideas at the start of each paragraph (with the exception of the fourth), and coherent explanation in places (4) (12) (13) (15). There is some supporting evidence that is clearly in sufficient depth for Achieved (6) (10), and a brief description of the significance of the event to New Zealanders (14).</p> <p>For a more secure Achieved, the student could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure that problems with the coherency of explanations (1) (3) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (11) are avoided. For example, further discussion could include how the sources could be lying, what the Brigade Criminale could be covering up, what consequences there could be, and what other information around these sources could be expected (11) to ensure that key historical ideas are consistently and clearly communicated • ensure that key historical ideas are consistently and clearly communicated • provide discussion in greater depth of significance of the event to New Zealanders. For example, explanation could be provided of what is meant by the royal family having '<i>plans</i>' for Diana.

On the 31st of August 1997, a tragedy hit the world. The Princess of Wales, Diana had been tragically killed in a car crash in Paris, France on her way back to London. She was travelling with her boyfriend Dodi Fayed who was of Egyptian decent, her body guard Trevor Rees-Jones and the driver Henri Paul. The only survivor being Diana's bodyguard Trevor. The media tried to blame the crash being caused by the paparazzi when in fact the crash was caused by the driver Henri Paul who was head of security at a very world known hotel The Ritz, and who had been seen shooing away the paparazzi earlier in the day had lost control of the vehicle at high speeds of 105 km/h. The vehicle crashed head on into a pillar that was supporting the tunnels roof, then spun around and hit the tunnels wall backwards then finally came to a stop. Not only did the crash happen, but there was also proof that Princess Diana was not wearing her seatbelt which most likely was the lead cause for her death. Later police found out that Henri Paul was highly intoxicated. After research into Henri Paul's body it came to light that there had been traces of anti-depressants and tranquilizing anti-psychotics in his body. This tragedy had a huge impact on the world because one of the most beautiful, most photographed world known lady in the world had been killed. [1]

One of the conspiracy theories that have arisen around princess Diana's death is that she was in fact not killed in a car crash. Theories have speculated that the Princess of Wales was pregnant with her boyfriend Dodi Fayed's child. This meant that she had to be murdered to protect the British Monarchy. The conspiracy theory says that the car was dented in a car crusher, Diana was taken away in undercover ambulance and from here she was murdered by a member of the British Military. There is a lot of evidence stating that this conspiracy theory could well be true for instance, one of Diana's close friend came forward and told everyone that Diana had told her that she was pregnant just days before the crash, lawyers also confirmed this speculation saying that she was pregnant after doing a post mortem on the Princess, but Diana had not named the father of the baby although it was suspected by the M16 to be Dodi Fayed's child. An issue around Dodi and Diana having plans of getting married raised worries and also how Diana was soon to announce her engagement to Dodi in the near future. These factors could have motivated the British M16 to go through with the murder of Diana. It is also said the Royal family could not handle the fact that Diana was going to marry a non-Christian. Richard Tomlinson who was a former M16 agent was fired from his job and served time in prison for breaching the 'Official Secrets Act 1989.' Richard had a part to play in Diana's death because he accused the M16 of having involvement with it. Richard said that the M16 agents had been monitoring Diana and that her death was very similar to the plans he had seen for the assassination of the President of Serbia. This theory is not ridiculous so it could well easily be true, but if it was true it would have been such a fast process, that it would be extremely hard for nobody to have seen it happen. [2]

There is another conspiracy theory stating that the driver of the Mercedes Henri Paul in fact got drunk on purpose to kill the Princess because of her Muslim boyfriend. There is much confusion around this theory because one source says that a search of Henri Paul's flat made 48 hours after the crash found a "drinking den." With shelves filled of alcohol such as spirits and wines, sources also said the whole entire flat in Paris contained bottles of vodka, Martini and more wine. With the kitchen having opened bottles of American bourbon and Ricard. [3]

This was contradicted when another source said that the detectives of the French brigade Criminale had also inspected Henri Paul's flat and only found one bottle of champagne, a bottle of Martini and a lot of bottles of soda water. With this being said it is very easy to disbelieve this theory. If the contradicting theory had not arisen it could be very easily true. Although either source could be lying, the findings found by French Brigade Criminale could be a cover up to avoid any more consequences arising. It is hard to tell which source is telling the truth because there is not much information around what these sources are saying. [4]

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Another theory is that Princess Diana staged her own death so that she could avoid the constant day and night intrusion of privacy made by the paparazzi, but this went horribly wrong and she was tragically killed. Sources say that Diana went about getting her life back by faking a death. This meant she could get on with her life and live as another identity to avoid the constant invade of privacy. It has been said that the crash was an attempt at staging death but turned out to actually kill her. This theory has very little evidence that could make it true so it is highly unlikely that it happened.

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I believe that the official story is the true way that Princess Diana died, I believe that there is no other way to describe it but tragic. The reason I think this is true because, any other conspiracy theories would be near impossible to perform. Considering the amount of people that were around the scene when she died basically eliminates any other way of her death. Nearly all sources can give enough evidence to say that this was the exact way that Princess Diana and the two other people died. Nearly every source that I have read through has said the exact same thing sealing the fact that this is the way she died. Of course there are still questions about as to why Princess Diana didn't wear her seat belt and if Henri Paul her driver was as intoxicated as sources say, then why did the two other people as well as her get into a car with him, let alone let him drive himself? As all sources say he was very drunk so there would be no way he could conceal his drunken mannerisms. I feel that there is no other explanation to Princess Diana's death, it was just a freak accident, and the other conspiracies don't make enough sense or have enough evidence, this is why I believe the true story is the way that Princess Diana died.

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Princess Diana's death was significant to New Zealand because with all the uprising conspiracy theories, makes New Zealand wonder about the plans the British Government had for Princess Diana. New Zealander's may have felt not trusting of the Monarchy because New Zealand is under it. Princess Diana was a worldwide celebrity and was very popular in New Zealand so New Zealanders felt like they knew her. The conspiracy theories mostly revolved around The Queen and royal family having something to do with her death, this would have made New Zealander's angry if they were to blame and of course wondering whether they could be trusted. New Zealand today still has continuous fascination about Princess Diana and her death; New Zealander's still want answers. New Zealander's will always look for what really happened on that night the princess of Wales died.

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	Grade Boundary: High Not Achieved
6.	<p>For Achieved, the student needs to examine an historical event or place that is of significance to New Zealanders.</p> <p>This involves communicating key historical ideas through a coherent explanation of an event or place, with supporting evidence, and describing its significance to New Zealanders.</p> <p>In this student’s evidence about the 9/11 attack, the student has provided a brief, coherent overview of the event (1), their own views about whether there was a conspiracy (2), and an outline of a number of different conspiracy theories (3). Descriptions are coherent in places (7). There is some description of the significance of the event to New Zealanders (4).</p> <p>To reach Achieved, the student could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • avoid narrative by communicating through key historical ideas • provide evidence to support views on whether there was a conspiracy (2) • demonstrate a more coherent explanation by providing a more sequential description (5) • support contentions (6) with some further explanation and evidence as to why the view is held, e.g. by examining the US army’s plans to attack al-Qaeda.

9/11: OFFICAL STORY

[1] On the morning of September 11, 2001 four planes left 3 different airports on different routes. By that afternoon those same four planes were flown into the two trade centers in New York by hijackers who were part of the Al Qaeda group. "The four planes together had 264 passengers, 33 crew and there were 19 hijackers that went down with the planes." This tragic event also took the lives of thousands of workers in the two trade buildings.

[5] There were only two of the four planes that went into the trade buildings the other two planes were aimed at the pentagon, the second plane was heading to San Francisco but the passengers over took the plane and it crashed in a field.

This event was later discovered as the work of the terrorist group Al Qaeda. Osama bin Laden sent 19 hijackers to take down these planes to start war with the USA...

[2] WHAT I THINK HAPPENED:

[6] I think that the attacks on the twin towers and the pentagon were provoked by the US government. I think that the terrorist group Al-Qaida was provoked to attack the US. Certain conspiracy theories suggest that the US army was planning to take down the group and was planning attacks on the group. I think that this certain conspiracy theory suggests that al-Qaida was trying to get even. I think that the government also had something to do with the attacks as the pentagon was also amongst the buildings that were attacked. The official story shows that it was in fact the group al-Qaida that attacked the US but I think that the US government was involved more than they say they were as a conspiracy theory suggests that the American air force and army response was told to stand down that day by the US government. This evidence suggests that there were people inside the pentagon that knew that there was going to be an attack on the US but it also shows that they wanted it to happen as they asked the US armed forces to stand down. I had reason to believe that the main reason for the attack on the US was that the US army was stationed in Iraq for what the US military called resolution 661 they planned to infiltrate the group and eliminate their supplies and weapons to minimize the attacks on the local villages. I think that this became a motive for the group to attack the United States.

[3] DIFFERENT THEORIES

[7] The six main conspiracy theories that have emerged are that the flight 93 heading to San Francisco was "shot down by a U.S fighter jet, David Ray Griffin and Alex Jones said that "large parts of the plane were found more than three miles away from the official wreckage site of the plane, which is not normal for a plane to wreck miles apart." A normal plane crash would have left a small debris field placed closely together whereas in this case the debris was wide spread with miles between each piece of wreckage. "The damage to the main body of the plane is comparable with what a heat seeking missile would do to an aircraft. Experts say that the engine was found only 300 yards away from the debris site, they also say that this is a normal amount of space travelled between the wreckage upon impact as the plane was travelling at more than 500 mph meaning that it would have easily been able to travel the distance, but then evidence emerged that some wreckage was found in New Baltimore almost 8 miles away from the crash site." Other conspiracy theory was that flight 77 didn't hit the pentagon "political activist Thierry Meyssan claims that the pentagon wasn't hit by flight 77 he suggests that the pentagon was hit by a missile launched from inside the U.S. government." Theorists suggest that the holes left in pentagon were too small to be made by a Boeing 757. "According to Mete Sozin a professor of civil engineering, the hole wasn't big enough to be made by the plane but upon impact the plane lost one wing as it was torn off by the load-bearing columns of the pentagon meaning that half the plane was ripped off before impact." The main reason why the pentagon received little damage from

the impact of the missile or plane was because one side of the pentagon was newly renovated and was able to resist some of the impact from demolition of the building. "There was suspected inside trading with knowledge of the attacks there was certain amounts of money that was placed by traders on united airlines and American airlines' stocks. Experts suggest that the traders knew about 9/11 so they placed their bets accordingly." Leading up to the attack there was unusual activity around the airline markets as there were many bets placed on the two companies which then became the two airline companies involved in Americas worst airline disaster to date. "On the 10th of September there were over 4,567 bets that were placed on the two companies this evidence suggests that people must have known about the attacks as the airlines were both involved." To support this evidence there was no other bets that were placed on any other airline in the lead up to the attacks. "The insurance companies had to pay out over \$ 500 million dollars from the September 11 attacks." "There was an instance where the air force was stood down." This is one of the most common conspiracy theories; according to theorists the North American aerospace defense command was issued to temporarily stand down just for the right amount of time for the hijackers to jack the planes." "According to the north American aerospace defense command, the planes could have been intercepted by the government and the air force which show evidence that the government was involved in the 9/11 attacks. According to experts the U.S. military failed to do their job, and that they were the cause of the hijacker getting away with the planes, the military control these situations and this particular situation were not dealt with meaning that the military was most likely involved as well." Tapes that were released suggest that the federal aviation agency didn't tell the military about the attacks until three of the four planes had crashed. "This evidence suggested that the federal aviation agency lied to other U.S government agencies." There were reports of Israeli agents that knew about the attacks. "Police arrested five Israeli men that were filming the smoke coming out of the two buildings; they were on a roof top in a white van they were arrested for suspicious behavior."

[4] SIGNIFICANCE TO NEW ZEALAND:

During the 911 attacks there was one New Zealander that was caught in the attacks, he was in the plane that crashed in the Pennsylvania, who died and this tragic event has had a huge impact on his family and friends. Since this event countries all over the world have tightened their airport security and made sure that there is no way that is event will ever repeat itself. This event also affected the laws in New Zealand, as soon as the attacks happened in America New Zealand changed their immigration laws and their laws towards new citizens coming to New Zealand. These laws have affected the lives of possible immigrants to New Zealand meaning it is harder for them to enter the country. The impact was so huge on New Zealand that they were first in the world to introduce the anti-terror laws. NZ also sent troops to Afghanistan to fight a long side the American troop this showed that we were supporting the Americans. Even though the death toll from this huge event was minimum NZ took drastic measures to make sure that this huge event didn't happen to New Zealand.