

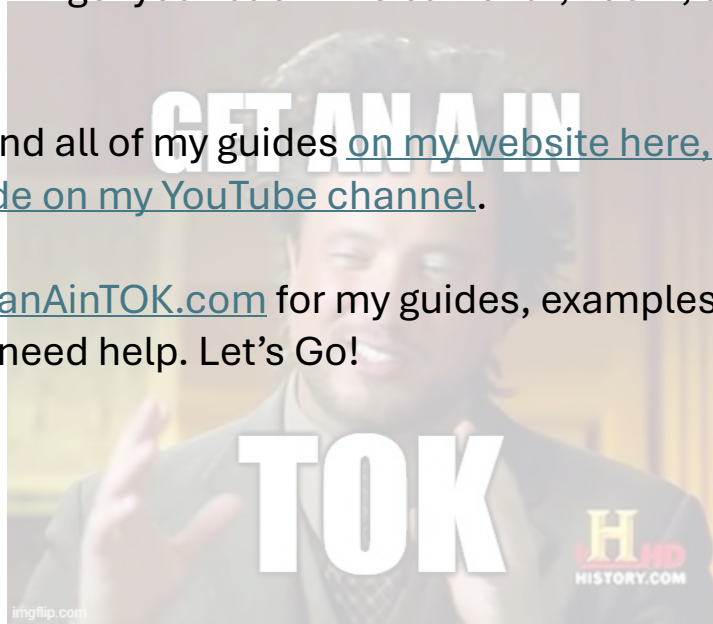
Get an A in TOK Essay Title #1 Guide

Thanks for checking out my channel and resources. You can do this!

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1. **The Basic One:** Do historians and human scientists have an ethical obligation to follow the directive: “do not ignore contradictory evidence”? Discuss with reference to history **and** the human sciences.

Choose this if:

- You want to find easy evidence
- You want an easy organization
- You don't want to choose AOKs

History

- US Founding Fathers – “All men are created equal,” yet they owned slaves. Do we ignore this or not? This is usually ignored. Is this ethical or not?
- Religion – be careful! You can treat holy texts of any religion academically, but don't use your own faith as an aspect of the TOK essay. [Religious response](#). [Non-religious response](#). Think about this as a work of history, not as religion, and you're fine. [Islamic](#) and [Anti-Islamic](#) responses.
- There is a modern debate about the historic accuracy of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and historic records regarding king Darius. [Religious response](#). [Historic article](#). [Article about Xerxes](#).
- [The Hitler Diaries](#) – What happens when something greatly contradicts common and shared knowledge? A very easy (and popular) “yes” answer here.

Human Sciences

- [The Mead-Freeman Controversy](#) – two Human Scientists find contradictory evidence. What do we do with evidence that completely disagrees with the other?
- [Rat Park & Replication](#) – We can think about contradictory evidence as a part of the replication crisis. What happens when big claims are made but can't be backed up?
- [ManyLabs 2](#) – the warning flag in the replication crisis. It's easy to go into a discussion on what we should do *because* of this.
- [Aliens!](#) - The first two examples in this list of scientific controversies (not all are HS) talk about how ignoring contradicting evidence can cause us to assume that aliens are real!
- [Disagreement in Science](#) – this article explores why people who are similarly educated in the sciences come to wildly different conclusions about important and controversial issues.

Important: Don't just say that someone is *ethically* bound to do something. Also say what ethical framework applies to each answer that you provide. Here are some resources.

[Link 1](#)

[Link 2](#)

[Link 3](#)