

May 2025 Theory of Knowledge Titles

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How to choose a TOK Essay Title:

1. What courses are you taking that can give you evidence?
2. What interests/hobbies do you have that can give you evidence?
3. Which ones do you hate?
4. Which one can you be an expert in?
5. What comes to mind? Would your examples be the same as those of your peers?
6. Do you want to choose an AOK you like? Or let the IB choose for you?
7. How much time are you going to spend?

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

2. **The Good One:** Is our most revered knowledge more fragile than we assume it to be? Discuss with reference to the arts **and one other** area of knowledge.

Choose this if:

- You want to research nearly anything.
- You want some room for interpretations
- You want to poke holes in things

3. **The *ABORT* One:** How can we reconcile the relentless drive to pursue knowledge with the finite resources we have available? Discuss with reference to the natural sciences **and one other** area of knowledge.

Choose this if:

- You have examples ready to go.
- You can write concisely
- You watch my videos

4. **The Popular One:** Do the ever-improving tools of an area of knowledge always result in improved knowledge? Discuss with reference to **two** areas of knowledge.

Choose this if:

- You want to write it quickly

- You want easy examples
- You don't want to worry about organization

5. **Teh CoNfUsInG One:** To what extent do you agree with the claim “all models are wrong, but some are useful” (attributed to George Box)? Discuss with reference to mathematics **and one other** area of knowledge.

Choose this if:

- You're trying to stand out
- You want to research a lot
- You want to analyze and draw conclusions

6. **The Weird One:** Does acquiring knowledge destroy our sense of wonder? Discuss with reference to **two** areas of knowledge.

Choose this if:

- You want to think creatively
- You don't want to be constrained
- You have/want to find some unique examples