Starting to prepare for your Research Study

• Pick a topic, person, event that you plan to research
• Come up with a title (can always be changed later)
• Find 3 good sources
• Brainstorm to see if you can come up with 10 to 15 aspects (paragraph headings) of the topic you might study
• Read sources
• Take notes (not too detailed but any interesting facts or quotes - if possible not what page that info is on in your source)
• Depending on the topic you might try to come up with 5-10 points about each aspect or element of your topic (you might come up with more paragraph headings as your research progresses)
• For example, if you decide to study the Technology of Warfare in World War I your initial possible paragraph headings might include:
  1. Gas
  2. Submarines
  3. Ships
  4. Zeppelins
  5. Grenades
  6. Flame throwers
  7. Planes
  8. Communication technology
  9. Trains
  10. Tanks
  11. Handheld guns
  12. Artillery
Outline Plan (9+6 marks = 15 marks)

Define and Justify:
- What are you going to research?
- Why is it historically significant?
- Why is it worth studying?
- What makes it interesting?
- Why did you choose that topic?

Aims:
- What do you hope to have found out or know when you have completed your research?
- (be specific, 5 or 6 most important things)

Approach:
- What steps will you take in order to find sources, get information?
- How will you plan the essay, organise your ideas, paragraphs etc...?
- How will you approach taking notes, recording important quotes or reference, important facts, etc...?
- How will you approach writing? Computer, handwriting, combination of both?
- Handing up to teacher for feedback, redrafting etc...?

(Total 9 marks)

Sources:
- List 3 sources
- Books, articles, websites, documentaries, audiobooks etc...
- Give as much information about each source as is possible (e.g. for books: title, author, publisher, year of publication, place of publication for books/articles) (e.g. for websites: name of website, url of website, dates accessed)

(total 6 marks)