



THE ABSTRACT

Extended Essay Abstract

What is the abstract?

A mini summary of your Extended Essay.
It should contain the main elements of your EE

- a. What you are researching; your research question.
- b. How you went about completing the EE; scope and method.
- c. Your conclusions that you reached.

It is a clear guide to the ready of what you wanted to do, how you did it and what you learned.

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Your research question.

Different interpretations of history have allowed 21st century academics to make different conclusions about the consequences of historical actions. The causes of the 1874 War between the powerful Rightonia and the weaker Leftova are numerous and varied. The losses suffered by Rightovia resulted in a period of regional tension and to this day, one still hears about it. “The Great Squirrel War.” In order to have a fuller understanding of this topic this essay will examine the question: **To what extent was the trade embargo on the export of Rightonian Squirrels the main cause of the 1874 war between Rightonia and Leftova?**

Your research question.

- The research question must be clearly stated in the form of a question.
- It should be a question that can be addressed in the scope of the essay.
- It should be clear and concise. A confusing question must be avoided.

Scope and Method

To answer the question, four well-recognized causes of the war are examined: the naval threat, political manoeuvring, religious tension and the squirrel trade embargo.

Secondary sources were used to investigate the economic importance of the squirrel trade on the economy of Rightonia. Data taken from the archives of the Rightonian and Leftonva governments were available through the internet. The research covers the period from 1830, when the trade between the two countries was at its peak, to 1974 when the war started.

Conclusion

A careful evaluation of the proposed causes of the war shows that while the naval threat by Leftovia and the political maneuvering of the Rightonian leaders were important contributing factors to the war, it was the Leftovan embargo on the export of squirrels from Rightovia that was the main cause of the war. The loss of export revenues was catastrophic to the economy and the government was forced to declare war. A limitation of the research is that it is not possible to state whether or not the other two factors would have led to the war had there not been a trade embargo.