



## Year 7 PEE Advice

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### POINTS ON HOW TO APPROACH QUESTIONS REQUIRING PEE

*A very important skill in history is the ability to explain your ideas and create a developed explanation.*

*You will need to provide developed explanations for most questions in history.*

#### What is a developed explanation?

You need PEE or PEEL for this – that is, **Point**, **Evidence** and **Explanation** (and **Link**). Providing you are accurate, every time you do this, you will get the marks.

Let's compare two possible answers to a question in assignment 1:

- a. Explain two reasons why William won the Battle of Hastings? (6 mark)

You must write two PEE/PEEL paragraphs. And this is what we expect for all questions which require you to explain a reason.

*Tutor comments are in GREEN*

Question: Explain two reasons why William won the Battle of Hastings?

Answer 1:

'One reason why William won the battle of Hastings was because of his well-trained soldiers. For example, he had foot soldiers and archers who were very effective.'

*Tutor Comment: This answer would get 2/6 marks. It is what we would label as an 'ID' answer. The student has identified the point but has not developed it and explained why foot soldiers and archers were effective.*

Answer 2:

'One main reason that William won the Battle of Hastings was that he had an extremely large and well-trained army. His team consisted of around 11,000 fierce men. Even when William's team was starting to crumble away, his fast and manoeuvrable mounted knights in their tightly controlled squadrons proved decisive. The strength of his soldiers was far greater compared to Harold's, which only consisted of soldiers on foot such as the Fyrd, who had limited weapons because they were only farmers. As a result of these differences, William had a superior army and could use both bows and horses as extra weapons against a lesser-trained Saxon Army and therefore win.'

*Tutor Comment: This answer would be guaranteed to get 4/6. The student initially made an 'ID' point (highlighted in grey) however they have developed their explanation (highlighted in yellow) to include an example (his effective army) AND then have linked it back to the overall question.*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO USE 'ANSWER 2' AND CLAIM 4/6 IN YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT. THIS WILL PROVE TO YOUR TUTOR THAT YOU HAVE READ YOUR ADVICE CAREFULLY.**