

## **IB History of the Americas – Mexican Revolution Essay Test Questions**

Directions: You will choose one of the following questions to address for the essay portion of the test. You may formulate your thesis and even bring an outline to class. While addressing the specific question, also draw on your wide range of knowledge of the revolution. Refer to the rubric more specific criteria.

(The questions below are all real IB history test questions from years past.)

### **General Questions**

- Was the Mexican Revolution a true revolution? (Social, economic, political)
- Who can be considered the father of the Mexican Revolution?
- Why did the Mexican Revolution last so long?

### **Zapata and Villa**

- Compare and contrast the aims of Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata in the Mexican Revolution (1910-1923).
- How successful and how lasting were the influences of Zapata and Villa on the revolution?
- “At times a rebel against injustice, at times an undirected destructive force, but Pancho Villa was always a national hero.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

### **Assessment of the Revolution’s Success**

- What were the aims of the leaders of the Mexican Revolution? How far had these aims been achieved by 1940?
- “Lázaro Cárdenas’ rule (1934-1940) renewed the ideals of the Mexican Revolution.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

### **Revolution and the Arts**

- Analyse the influence of the Mexican Revolution on the arts.