

TOK exhibition examiner's comments

Example I

This is an example of a very weak exhibition. It was awarded a mark of 2/10.

The main issue with this example is that barely any links are made between the objects and the prompt. The prompt in this case is "what counts as good evidence for a claim?" and to score in the higher bands the student would need to keep referring back to that prompt and to the idea of "good evidence" throughout their commentaries on their objects.

The commentary on the third object includes a lot of description of the object. It is important that students make the real-world context of the objects clear, but this goes too far and devotes almost all of the commentary to simply describe the details of the object.

For these reasons the response was placed in the 1-2 markband. There are many features of this band that seem to fit this sample very closely, particularly the minimal links to the prompt, the lack of clarity, the highly descriptive nature of the comments and the lack of justification for why those particular objects were included.