

ESSAY

Write an essay in which you will present your opinion and your arguments to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the topic.

You should write 250-350 words.

Remember:

You will be judged on the content, organization, logical development and complexity of your essay as well as the richness and precision of vocabulary and grammar, spelling and the suitability for the intended reader.

TOPIC

MILITARY ALLIANCES LEADING TO PEACE OR WAR

Do alliances lead to peace or to war? Despite the fact that military alliances have long been considered a key factor in international politics, this basic question remains largely unanswered.

While some scholars claim that the careful use of military alliances to create countervailing coalitions will deter aggressors and prevent war, others claim that alliance commitments can serve to provoke and to expand war.

Express your opinion and support it with arguments.

Ocjena odgovora: 2+

PRIMJER ODGOVORA – originalni tekst koji sadrži pogreške

There has been a lot of contraversary recently about the issue of military alliances and their role in international politics. While some teoretics claim that the existing of military alliances play important role in protecting peace by deterring possible aggressors, others think that military alliances very often serve to provoke war in the name of the most powerful member of the alliance.

My opinion is that the existing of military alliances has bigger influence on stability then it gives a chance to members to provoke.

From my point of view military alliance is factor of stability and give some sort of collective security for states members particularly in terms of deterioration of possible aggressors. Generally speaking, attack on one state which is a member of military alliance is usually considered as attack on all others. Secondly, military alliances are not united only in military aspect; political aspect is important as well. So, every member has opportunity to take a part in process of creating alliances' policy and in the process of decision making. This is one of the tools which help in peacekeeping because it gives opportunity to find a political solution and avoid war.

On the other side, every military alliance has the most powerful member, so called 'big brother'. Usually this leader member uses all possibilities to instrumentalize smaller players in the alliance, to pursue them to serve for the interest of bigger and to provoke and expand war. Although it is not seldom, but this could be done even with no member states.

There is no question that military alliances play an important role in international politics. My opinion is that impact of military alliances on world stability is more positive and more oriented in politically solving problems, and serving for somebody to provoke the war is not the only feature of military alliances.

KOMENTAR

Kandidat odgovara na temu i iznosi stav. Iako su cjeline jasno naznačene i dobro vezane, ideje nisu uvijek razrađene i argumentirane.

U složenijem vokabularu često se javljaju pogreške (npr. "contraversary", "teoretics", "existing of military alliances", "deterioration of possible aggressors", "to pursue them to serve", "There is no question").

Povremeno ima grešaka u složenijim rečenicama koje su zbog toga nejasne (npr. "Although it is not seldom, but this could be done even with no member states.")

Iako esej ima neke odlike razine 3 (iznošenje stava, jasno naznačene i dobro vezane cjeline dužeg teksta), budući da ideje nisu uvijek razrađene i argumentirane, a u složenosti i preciznosti vokabulara i gramatike samo djelomično zadovoljava zahtjeve razine 3, ovaj esej se ocjenjuje ocjenom 2+.