

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: 3

PRIMJER ODGOVORA – originalni tekst koji sadrži pogreške

Military alliances date way back in history. There have always been military alliances between two or more groups of soldiers or better to say armies. Many prerequisites had to be satisfied prior to the establishment of an alliance – first of many being the common and mutual aim. After the "common denominator" would be set, armies would form an alliance in order to dominate some other army (or enemy army in this case), group of people or to rule and conquer certain part of the territory.

Nowadays, one of the most known military alliances in the world is ISAF, the International Security Assistance Force. It consists of approximately 30 member nations, who participate in the peace-enforcing mission in Afghanistan with their soldiers, goods and services. However, unlike before, when alliances were based solely upon a desire to conquer and rule a certain territory, the present alliance's goals are peace-enforcing alongside promotion of the human rights and establishment of a democratic system inside the country. That said, one should bear in mind that the other side will oppose such actions; on many occasions with all means necessary.

Furthermore, the aforementioned "opponents" counter-actions and resistance are being carried out across, in this case, Afghanistan. The lack of willingness of the ruling-stream (it would be rather flattering to call it a party) back in 2001, as well as ignorance of the local population and neglectance with which the country was being ruled, led to the formation of an international alliance, whose aim was mainly suppressing terroristic activities in the country and promotion of the peace and democratic values. Nowadays, almost 11 years after, the goals and actions of an alliance and its forces can be seen across the country, though certain parts of Afghanistan still remain terrorist strongholds.

Finally, and to sum it up, in most cases, alliance's common goal is the promotion of peace, though sometimes it is being carried out by the use of force. However, I wouldn't argue it necessarily leads to the war. It varies from country to country and it depends on the will of nation. I reckon the concept of an alliance will exist as long as there are people on the earth. One thing is sure – "an enemy of my enemy is my friend" – and that very saying will serve in the future as the bonding material for two or more sides forming an alliance.

KOMENTAR

Esej odgovara na zahtjeve po svim kriterijima za razinu 3 (sadržaj, organizacija, razvoj teme, široki raspon u složenosti i preciznosti vokabulara i gramatike).

Kandidat je fokusiran na temu, razrađuje ju i argumentira u dužem tekstu organiziranom prema zahtjevima razine 3.

Cjeline su dobro istaknute i međusobno uvezane. Tekst je jasan i lako ga je pratiti.

Istovremeno, autor uspijeva prirodno koristiti raspon složenih gramatičkih struktura, poput pasivnih oblika i zavisno-složenih rečenica. Također koristi širi raspon vokabulara kojeg primjereno odabire za zadani tip teksta, te koji prelazi okvir učestalo korištenih svakodnevnih izraza.

Pogreške su sporadične i javljaju se uglavnom u složenijim strukturama i manje učestalom vokabularu (npr. "neglectance", "ruling stream").