



Assessment sheet 1.3: Preparing for the written assignment – comparing and contrasting texts using a Venn diagram

This resource supports Unit 1.4, Activity 4.1, on page 35 of the *IB English B* coursebook.

In your written assignment you will be asked to write about **three** unseen texts. This resource, and the activities in Unit 1.4, will help you to prepare for this assessment.

Activity 4.1 asks you to write about two texts that you have studied or at least seen before, and one that you have not seen. Imagine that you have just sat down to begin your written assignment, and have been asked to do your assignment on the following three texts:

Text 1.3 (‘Zambian government intensifies crackdown on Internet users’), on pages 12–13 of the coursebook.

Text 1.8: (‘Who will jail Web democracy in Africa?’), on pages 30–31 of the coursebook.

Text 1.9: (‘International Right to Know Day’), on page 35 of the coursebook.

1 Read all three of these texts carefully. As you read, consider:

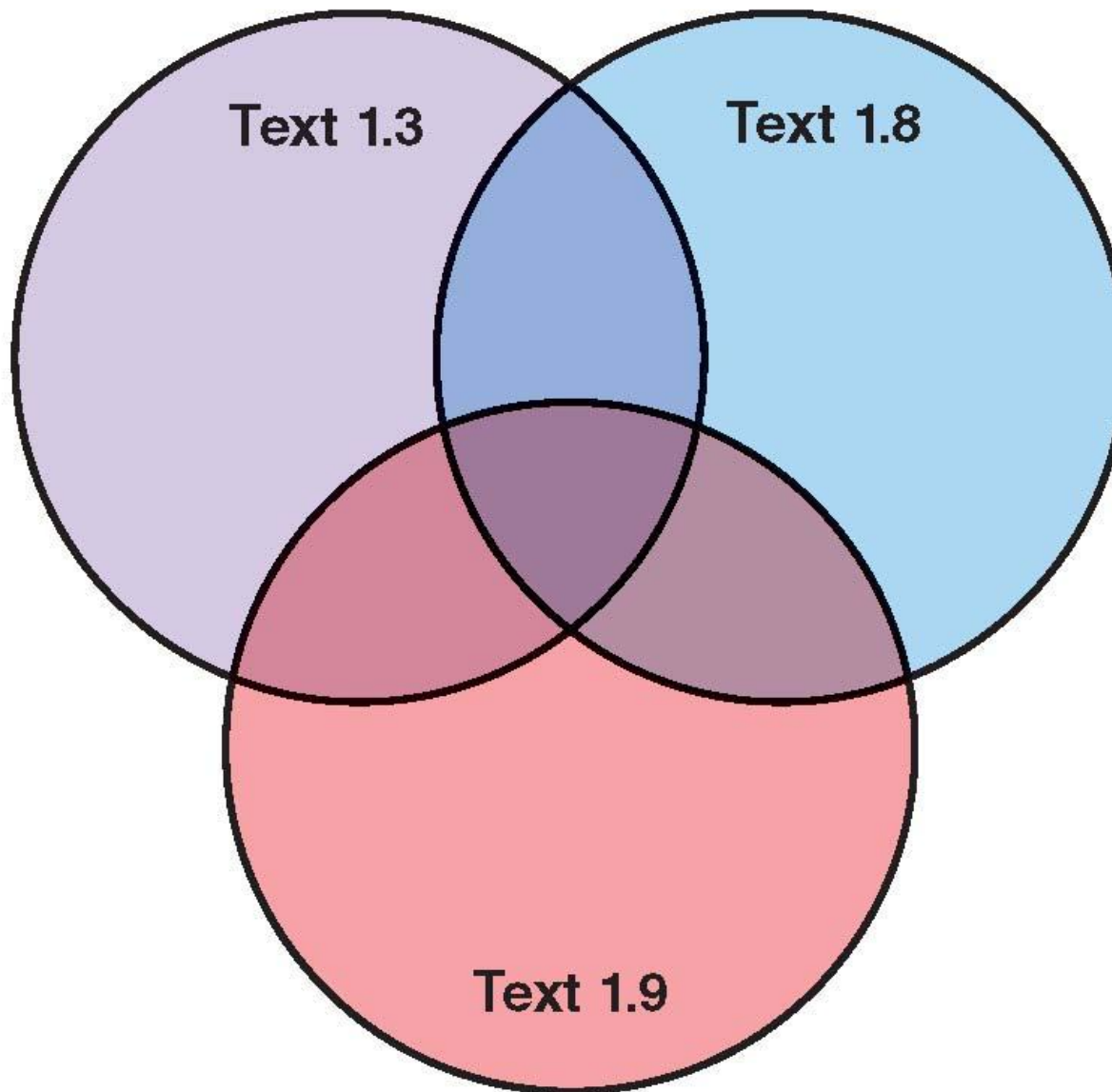
- what you think these three texts have in common
- the connections between them.

It may help to bear in mind that your reading of one text may help your understanding of another.

2 In the Venn diagram on the next sheet, each circle represents one of the three texts you have been asked to write about. Use this diagram by writing any common themes in the appropriate areas where the circles (texts) overlap.

Add as much information as you can to the diagram, and then answer the questions on the following sheet (page 3).

Venn Diagram for Activity 4.1, page 35





Use the information on your Venn diagram to summarise in the space below the commonalities and connections that you can find between these three texts.

How did the reading of one text help your understanding of another? Give examples.