**ESSAY 2 FEEDBACK: ‘**Opposition was a significant threat in the years 1855 to 1894’. Assess the validity of this view.

**Things we all got better at this time:**

* Using I and my far less
* Bringing in some historiography (the opinion of different historians)

**General points to consider:**

* This question is the years 1855 to 1894 therefore it is the reign of Alexander II AND Alexander III. Some of you barely (or did not) mention the latter.
* Think about the order of your paragraphs. It must follow some logic. I suggest either do them in order of importance OR do them in chronological order. Remember you must show organisation skills.
* Make sure you mention the fundamental points. Two or three of you did not mention the assassination in 1881!

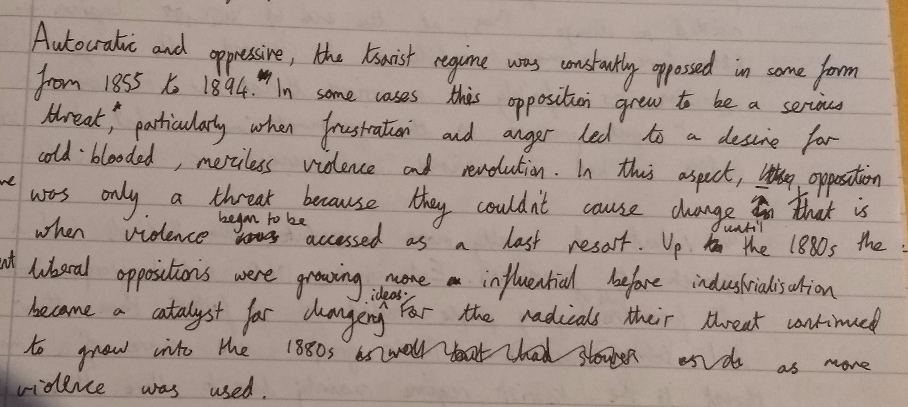
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|  | **Good features** | **Things to avoid** |
| **Introductions** | * Bold opinions * The best were the few who gave idea of opposition changing in this period, e.g. little threat at start, lots at end. | * Dull, yes or no judgements. |
| **Main Paragraphs** | * Within a paragraph the points should be chronological, e.g. deal with Young Russia before ‘go to the people’ | * Telling the story. So many of you fell into this trap * A non analytical opening to a paragraph |
| **Conclusions** | * One or two look the long view that although opposition was minimal in this period it sowed the seeds for revolution in 1905 and 1917. LOVED this. | * A conclusion that does not match the introduction. |

**Key target for A\* grades** = Substantiated judgement. This means an argument that runs consistently from start to end. To do this effectively you MUST make sure your introduction and conclusion match.

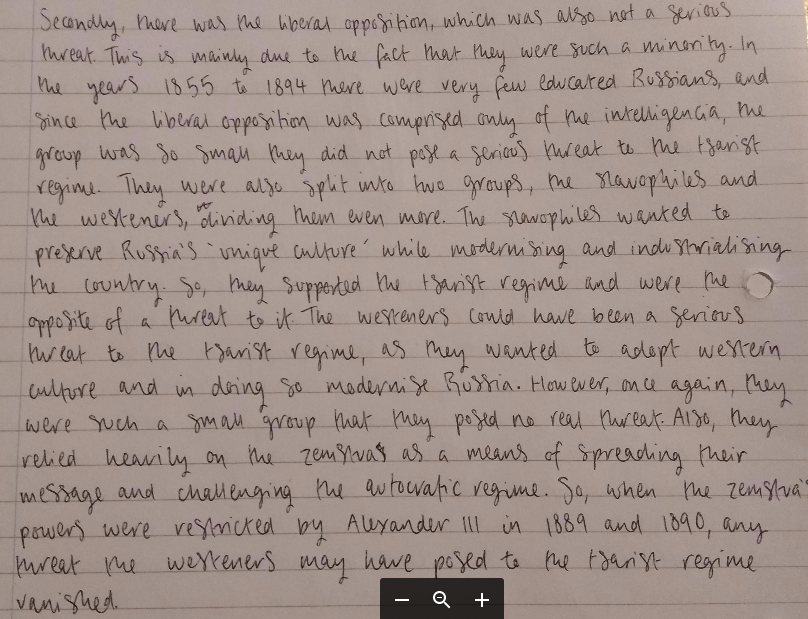
**Grammar horrors:**

* Never use BIG or BIGGEST. They are too informal. Use significant instead.
* You MUST use PAST TENSE. This is history.
* You inevitably mean LED not LEAD

**A very good introduction:**



**A very good main paragraph:**



**A very good conclusion:**

