



Extended Essay Assignment Description and Organizational Framework

Parameters: The length of the extended essay is to be approximately 4000 words. This DOES NOT include the bibliography, appendices or the abstract. The abstract should be no more than 300 words. Students will be penalized for essays exceeding these limits.

Introduction

- indication as to why the topic chosen is interesting, important, or worthy of study
- topic described in a way which focuses on a research question or manageable issue
- question or issue should be clearly stated and developed through statements which place the investigation in an appropriate context
- candidate's view on topic can be stated without prejudging the outcome of the investigation

Development

- an account of the method by which information/data is collected or generated
- information/data should be selected which may allow for differing interpretations of the issue under discussion
- information/data should be evaluated as well as analyzed
- the use of clearly labeled and relevant diagrams, statistics, illustrations, sketch maps, tables or graphs is encouraged
- style should be objective

Conclusion

- clearly stated
- relevant to the issue being investigated
- substantiated by the evidence presented
- clearly indicates issues, unresolved questions, and new questions that have emerged

Abstract

- synopsis of essay
- written last
- states topic, research questions, issue being investigated, scope of the investigation, and conclusion

Presentation

- overall neatness is important
- all materials such as graphs, tables and diagrams should be directly related to the text
- contents page must be provided at the beginning of the essay
- all pages should be numbered

The Extended Essay Final and Rough Drafts should be organized in the following order:

1. Title Page with word count
2. Table of Contents
3. Abstract
4. Introduction, Development, and Conclusion
5. Appendices (graphs, charts, illustrations)
6. Bibliography / Works Cited