

# THE EXTENDED ESSAY JOURNEY

## 1 KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT

Read the criteria and sample essays.  
Start a Researcher's Reflection Space (RRS).  
Decide on a DP subject.

## 2 BRAINSTORM ON TOPICS

What's interesting?  
What questions are worth pursuing?

## 3 FORMULATE A QUESTION

Talk to supervisor about research questions and methods.

# INQUIRY

## 4 RE-EVALUATE THE QUESTION

Is it still worth pursuing?  
Keep up your RRS.

1ST REFLECTION ON PLANNING AND PROGRESS FORM (RPPF) SESSION

## 5 FINALISE RESEARCH QUESTION

Finalise research methods.  
Outline rough structure of essay.

## 6 GATHER DATA

Find sources, experiment, survey, read!

## 7 ORGANIZE NOTES

Map, structure and make connections.  
Maintain RRS.

# RESEARCH

## 8 FILTER FOR PERTINENT INFORMATION

What's important?  
What can be left out?  
What's still missing?

## 9 WRITE A COMPLETE DRAFT

Introduce, explain, argue, illustrate and draw conclusions.  
Answer the research question.

## 10 REVIEW THE DRAFT

Discuss draft with supervisor.  
Reread and reflect.  
Apply the criteria.

# WRITING

## 11 REVISE

Reorganise, rewrite and reassess.

# FINISH

## 12 SUBMIT FINAL COPY

Check everything, including table of contents.

## 13 VIVA VOCE (3RD RPPF SESSION)

Discuss EE process and end result with supervisor.

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT RPPF

# CELEBRATE!

THE JOURNEY IS DONE