# Extended Essay: Introduction

(Malone says this is a no fun day)

#### What is the extended essay?

- ♦ A research paper
  - close to <u>but not more than</u> 4,000 words (approximately 12-14 pages)
  - on a topic of the student's choice
  - in an IB subject they have studied

#### Two types of EEs

- Subject-based (grows out of an IB subject the student is studying in grade 11)

## Subject-Based

- **♦** Student chooses a <u>subject</u>
- Student then chooses a topic within the subject
- ◆ Supervisor helps student use limiting factors to narrow and focus the subject, and then helps the student develop an appropriate research question

#### All EEs

- ♦ Are modeled after an academic paper
- ♦ Should begin with a "literature review," like an academic paper, in which the student is setting the research question in the context of what has already been written on the subject
- **♦** Means student will need to cite and refer to <u>secondary sources</u> in the introduction

#### Introduction Details

- Subject-based: Introduction should establish the context of the research question, the methodology, and the scope of the research, including a "literature review" discussing what others have said on the topic
- **♦** Issue-based: The introduction will establish, with reference to research done, that the issue has contemporary global significance, in addition to a literature review

#### World Studies: Issue-Focused

- ◆ Student must choose two subject lenses to look at the issue through. Student must be studying one of the subjects
- The other one they need some grounding so they can use the correct terminology

#### World Studies: Issue-Focused

- **♦** Essential Feature: Chosen topic must both...
  - address an issue of contemporary global significance(poverty, civil rights, conflict, etc.)
  - and invite an interdisciplinary approach.
- ♦ The most successful topics reveal connections between specific and/or local places, people, phenomena or experiences, and the larger global framework in which they take place.

#### What the World Studies EE Looks Like

- ♦ Student researches the issue, beginning with the global level (establishing its existence as a global issue in the introduction -- Literature Review/Background reading will provide the sources for this.)
- ◆ The majority of the research (body of the essay) should focus on an instance of the issue at the local level (local meaning school/city/state/nation)
- In conclusion: Go back out to the global. What does this local issue tell you about the global issue?

## Researcher's Reflection Space

▶ IB is encouraging ALL students to keep one of these as they work on the essay (but it's not required)

#### Film RRS



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In some cases the projections are clearly "add ons" to enhance the experience, while in others it is hard to tell what is set and what is projection. Is this "cheating"? What does <u>LIVE THEATRE</u> actually mean??

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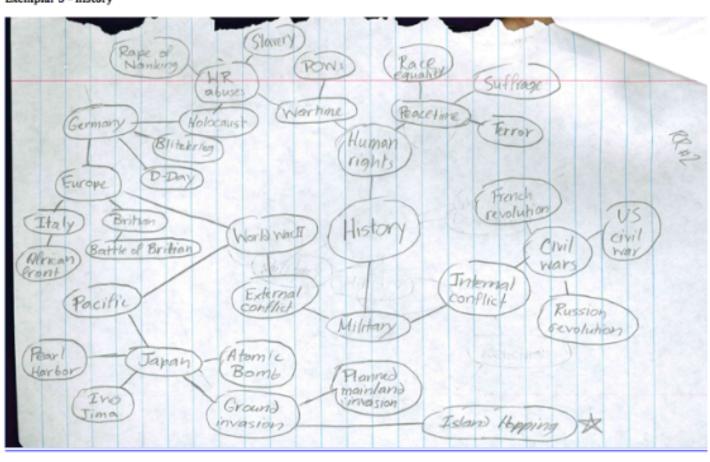
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## History RRS





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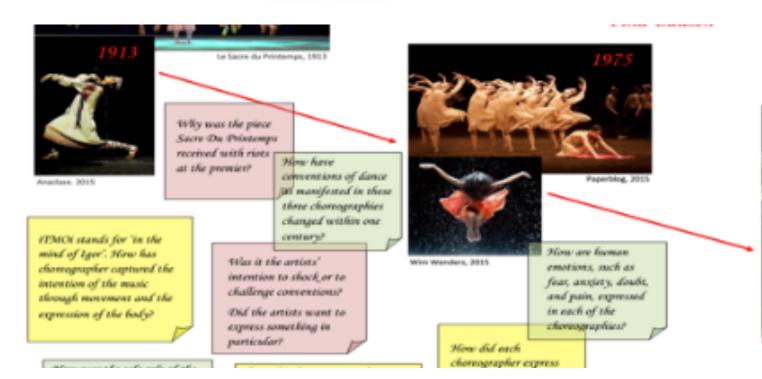
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#### Supervisor needs to:

- **▶** Be available for up to 5 hours total
- **♦** Guide student

## EE Supervisors

- Don't have to be the content expert.
- Serve as the methodology expert on how to write an academic paper in their specific field.

## A supervisor cannot...



#### FAQs...

- ▶ Reflection is worth 18 percent of the grade It's not just about the product, it's about the process
- **♦** Students who don't engage in the process with their advisers are forfeiting these points

## Engage in the process how?

- **3 Mandatory Reflection Sessions** 
  - **♦ RS 1: End of Q3 Junior Year**
  - ♦ RS 2: End of Q4 Junior Year
  - ♦ RS 3 (Viva Voce): Fall Senior Year
- **♦ 20-30 minutes each**

#### Check Ins

- **♦ IB also recommends check-in sessions (not mandatory)** 
  - **♦** Informal
  - It is the student's responsibility to set up all meetings

#### Reflection Sessions

- **♦** Are mandatory
- Student's written reflection on the session becomes part of the final essay grade
- **♦** Reflections cannot be changed
- **♦ 500-word maximum, TOTAL!**

## Initial Meeting with Supervisor...

- · Regarding student's initial ideas about the EE.
- Informal conversation.
- To talk about:
- What sparked their interest in the subject area or issue? What background reading have they done?
- ♦ How are they planning on organizing themselves and keeping track of ideas? Have they chosen a provisional research question that's viable for the subject criteria as explained in the Guide?
- What are the next steps in conducting their research?

#### What IB is looking for:

- Reflection on PROCESS
- **♦** Authenticity & thoughtfulness
- ▶ Reflecting on conceptual understandings, decisionmaking, engagement with data, the research process, time management, methodology, successes and challenges, appropriate sources.
- Highlights the journey the student has taken.

#### Criterion A: Focus and Method 6 points

Topic, Research Question, Methodology

# Criterion B: Knowledge & Understanding 6 points

- **♦** Context demonstrate that the RQ is relevant within the subject.
- With English: they must demonstrate what has already been said. Could be done by wider reading on the genre, the convention, etc. Must demonstrate they've done wider reading.
- Theoretical context/literature review should happen early in essay. They should refer back to it later in the essay, whether it's to disagree or to confirm what they have argued.
- Subject Specific Terminology and Concepts: using them consistently throughout the essay

## Criterion C: Critical Thinking 12 points

#### Criterion D: Formal Presentation 4 points

- **♦** Structure
- **♦** Layout
- **♦ CITATIONS!!! Must be CONSISTENT.**
- Following the rules of writing

## Criterion E: Engagement 6 points

- **♦** Engagement in Process & Research Focus
- **♦** Based on Reflection on Planning and Progress Form

#### Tentative Timeline

- By end of semester 1, junior year:
  - Select subject & topic. Enter on spreadsheet.
- By end of semester 2, junior year:
  - Pair with a supervisor (Malone will assign these)
  - ♦ Have introductory meetings to formulate/polish research question & plan research
  - Complete first official planning session with reflection
  - Do initial research and create EE outline to review with adviser
  - Complete rough draft before leaving for summer vacation
  - ♦ Complete second official planning/review session with supervisor
- By end of September, senior year:
  - ♦ Edit/revise/polish final draft
  - Submit final version of Extended Essay
  - ♦ Complete Viva Voce (final official session with supervisor)

## What happens now?

- ♦ Got questions? Write them down. I'll collect them on your way out and bring back answers next time.
- \*\*This is for planning purposes only! You will develop a question next quarter and Malone will assign your adviser.