EXTENDED ESSAY LEARNING PATHWAY

Select, decide your topic

- Scan subjects studied and sources of information to see if you are likely to be interested in taking any ones further. Be challenged by it.

Define and refine what is known about the issue/topic

- Unload, collate and assemble what you know about the topic. Look at what is currently known about your area of interest. Revisit the information sources to identify the main ideas and the key questions they answer. The subordinate ideas being asked in the topic area.
- Look at how the topic has been researched or investigated earlier, and use this to see if you can see a unique angle for yourself

Decide the specific questions you will target

- To narrow down the topic to a question or focus:
  - look at the information from different angles
  - look for things you don't already know about the topicc and that you can't find an answer to
- Then start to select and decide the specific questions. "Dry run" possible guiding questions

Develop an action plan to get from where you are to your goal

- Imaging what the outcome might be like
- Work backwards from the outcome to develop a set of steps
- Identify key subordinate questions the essay might answer
- Don't set your action plan in concrete. Allow it to be flexible.

Access, search for information. Collect data and information

- Decide what information might tell you about your key quesitons
- Identify the new types of data or iniformaiton you will need to collect an answer, and decide the extent to which this supports the questions you have asked, or the case you are presenting
- Collect data to examine the key and the subordinate questions you have asked

Assemble collate informaiton

- Interpret or link data and information using the questions you have asked. Decide the extent of support for the questions asked or the case you are presenting

First Draft

- Organise and sequence the ideas in terms of the essay's structure or argument
- Prioritise the ideas
- Make sure you work is saved both on your hard drive and any other removable storage devices you may be carrying to and from school

Semi-final Draft

- Semi-final drafts need to be proof read and finely tuned. Make sure you have answered your question or proven your case.
- Again, make sure your progress is saved and well backed up on your computer

Final Draft

- Ensure the final proof of your essay is well structured and provides persuasive information for the case you have argued
- It is formatted according to the Extended Essay Guidelines you were given and has the subject area, your name, session number, the title and word cournt clearly printed on the front (refer to EE coversheet). Your abstract needs to be the first page inside your front page.

© John Munro