

# Creating an outline & argument for Extended Essay

**Below is a sample outline which includes the important assessment criteria for the introduction, body and conclusion.**

## **I. Introduction**

- a. Research question is focused and can be answered in a 4000-word essay.
- b. The context of the question is clearly demonstrated
- c. The significance of the topic is explained

## **II. Body (will include each section of your evidence that answers your research question)**

- a. Investigation is well planned
- b. Ideas are presented clearly and logically (your outline should become headings in the body of the essay)**
- c. Shows effective analytical and evaluative skills
- d. Shows reasoned & convincing argument in relation to research question
- e. Demonstrates good knowledge & understanding of topic
- f. Appropriate sources are consulted or data gathered
- g. Relevant material is selected
- h. Where appropriate, shows the academic context of investigation (including opposing viewpoint of evidence)

## **III. Conclusion**

- a. Clearly stated
- b. Relevant to research question
- c. Consistent with evidence shown in essay
- d. Includes unresolved questions if appropriate

### **Example:**

#### **I. Introduction and Research Question & Proposition**

#### **II. Body of essay**

- \* Argument 1, Support/Evidence
- \* Counterargument 1 and Refutation, Support/Evidence
- \* Argument 2, Support/Evidence
- \* Counterargument 2 and Refutation, Support/Evidence
- \* Argument 3, Support/Evidence
- \* Counterargument 3 and Refutation, Support/Evidence, etc.

#### **III. Conclusion**

# SHORT OUTLINE

I. Introduction: Your topic is:

a. Your research question is:

b. Your question is significant because:

II. Body of essay

a. Argument 1:

b. Argument 2:

c. Argument 3:

d. Argument 4:

e. Argument 5:

III. Conclusion