



Extended Essay

In a nutshell



The Extended Essay requires all
the characteristics of the
IB Learner Profile





In a nutshell: what is the Extended Essay?

- Independent 4,000 word researched essay
- Done by all full IB Diploma Candidates
- Completed over an 11 month period
- Requiring 40 hours

How do they pick a topic?

- Start with the **subject** area of the IB courses offered
- Evaluate own interests and academic strengths – need to really be interested in the subject
- It is *strongly recommended* to choose one of the HL courses the student is enrolled in
- Students are *discouraged* from writing outside of a subject they have not taken



Sample Topics



- What was the impact of baseball on American morale during World War II?
- How does the use of surreal and postmodern elements in George Saunder's *Pastoralia* and Kevin Wilson's *Tunneling to the Center of the Earth* contribute to their themes?
- To what extent are smartphone notifications effective in countries around the world for the awareness of natural disasters and other emergencies?
- To what extent do external pressures (parental, college, performance, social media, peers) and the level of play (travel, high school, vs. recreational) manifest negative thinking and lead to burnout in youth sports?

What are the benefits of doing an EE?

Important Skills

- independent research, investigation
- in-depth analysis of a subject
- organization, communication
- time management

Learner Profile

Inquirers

Knowledgeable

Critical Thinkers

Communicators

Caring



How does the EE fit into the Diploma Program?

- Together with TOK, the EE can add points to obtaining the full diploma (overview pg 4-5)
- No essay or a poorly done essay= NO diploma



How does the school organize the EE?

- requires attendance at introductory meeting and further seminars
- assigns a Supervisor for each student
- provides dates for different stages of progress and completion
- suggests about 40 hours of total work
- suggests about 3-4 hours of review with your EE Supervisor

The EE is designed to be independent of a classroom grade.



How does the school support the students?

- Supervisor
- *Managebac* – an online portfolio system
- *Remind* – texting app to send reminders
- *Canvas* course – documentation and step by step guide to completing the EE
- Library
- Timeline
- Extended Essay Coordinator
- Counselor
- IB Coordinator



It's a
journey, not
a
destination

