

Stage	Questions you may ask yourself	Evidence from my Researcher's reflection space
Planning stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What am I interested in researching and why? ● What are my motivations for undertaking research in this area? ● How will I begin the research process? ● Is my chosen topic appropriate for the subject I have chosen to complete it in? ● Do I have sufficient knowledge of the subject area to fulfill the criteria of an EE? ● What possible question(s) might I research? ● How might I go about undertaking this research? ● Do I have access to appropriate sources? ● Are my chosen research methods appropriate for the subject I have chosen to complete it in? ● Are there any ethical issues I need to consider before pursuing this area of research? ● Is there sufficient focus to my research area? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mind map® ● Annotated section of the Extended essay guide ● Annotated bibliography ● Annotated photograph, newspaper article, and so on
Background reading stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What have I learned about my subject area so far? ● What questions are emerging? Are these similar or different to my initial questions? ● Given the initial reading I have undertaken on the subject, is my research question appropriate for the subject I am submitting my EE in? ● Is my research question manageable within the word limit of the EE? ● Will my research question allow me to think critically about the topic I am researching? If it suggests a descriptive response, how might I need to change it to allow for more critical thinking? ● Are there any challenges that I need to overcome in order to achieve my desired outcomes? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Notes ● Annotated article ● Brainstorm of questions ● Mind map® of potential challenges and possible strategies
Interim: writing stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do I have sufficient data/information to begin formulating an argument? ● If I do not have sufficient data/information, how will I go about resolving this? Can it be resolved? ● To what extent does the data/information I have relate to my proposed research question? ● Given the data/information I have collected, do I need to reformulate my research question? ● Has the data/information collected taken me in an unexpected direction? ● Do I want to change course now? Is it too late? ● Are there still questions/issues that I am unclear how to resolve? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction of the essay ● Annotated sections from books, journals, articles, and so on ● Reworked research question ● Examples of data/information collected from research

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Am I keeping to a schedule with the writing process? 	
Final: writing stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do I have a reasoned argument that can be sustained throughout the essay? • Am I able to make coherent links between different points made and the evidence presented? • To what extent have I answered my research question? • What reasons may have affected my ability to answer my research question? • If I have been selective in the evidence presented in my essay, can I justify my choices? • Is there a clear summative conclusion, and does this reflect the discussion that has taken place? • To what extent do I think I have fulfilled the expectations of the extended essay as a task? • Has my research resulted in me changing my perspective or views on the topic in question? • What strategies have I employed that have worked particularly well at this stage of the process? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outline of the main argument • Timeline • Working bibliography
<i>Viva voce</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent has my thinking been confirmed or changed about my chosen topic as a result of my research? • What strategies did I employ that proved particularly effective in the research process? • What skills have I developed and how might these be useful in the future? • What improvements might I suggest to my own working practices? • How might different research strategies have impacted my outcomes? • What did I learn about myself as a learner in this process? 	