

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

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