

English Extended Essay

If you have chosen English as the subject area for your extended essay you will be writing a detailed literary analysis on a topic related to one or two major works of literature. The essay will be a piece of formal writing and formatted using the MLA Style Guide.

Your extended essay must be text specific. Lapsing into a discussion of social issues arising from the text(s) is unacceptable. An analysis of Shakespeare's treatment of anti-Semitism in *The Merchant of Venice* would be an acceptable topic but a discussion of the treatment of Jews in England in the 16th century using the play as an example would not.

Please Note:

The choice of text(s) must be approved by your teacher-mentor.

Your thesis will be generated by you after discussions with your mentor.

It is the role of the mentor to guide you through the Extended Essay process, not do your work for you.

Your mentor will not edit your essay. That is your job.

Students without strong analytical skills are unlikely to be successful.