

EE Assessment Trends

(Specific to Research Question, Research Plan, and the Collect/Credit Steps)

Essays are approximately 4000 words in length (15ish pages)

Research Question		Plan	Collect and Credit (Investigation)	
Strong Essays	Weak Essays		Strong Essays	Weak Essays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Goldilocks Question • An analysis question • Student is studying the topic/area • Personal Interest • Student can answer – “Why have I chosen this topic” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too Broad • Broad topic leads to an overambitious essay • Too Narrow • Personal Opinion Question 	<p>Research planning mentioned in numerous E.E. reports as leading to stronger overall essays.</p> <p>Students can identify an approach, work on an outline throughout the process, plan “types” of sources in advance, etc.</p>	<p><u>COLLECT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of sources • High number of sources • Science – data collected by the student w/ secondary sources • Print sources • Important Authors • Science – highly cited papers used • High quality interviews connected to argument • Primary research supported by extensive reading <p><u>CREDIT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate referencing system • All sources referenced consistently • In-text reference/ citation and final bibliography, source list, etc. 	<p><u>COLLECT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Textbooks • Dubious Internet Sites • Unselective sources • Limited range of sources • Too much reliance on Internet • Wikipedia overuse • Wikipedia use with no cross-referencing • Lang A1 – Spark Notes • Internet-based essays • Elementary/non-correlative questionnaires • Lack of primary source • Only 1 or 2 secondary sources • Out of subject questions <p><u>CREDIT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All sources not cited • Just typing URLs • Not citing non-traditional sources (paintings, interviews, etc.) • Referencing a study/ report in writing – then not on bibliography/ works cited

“If a student makes use of internet-based sources, she should do so critically and circumspectly in full awareness of potential unreliability.”

“Sources should be evaluated and their reliability assessed”

“Research question and subject must be aligned.”

** Adapted from the general Extended Essay Report and commonly taught specific subject Extended Essay Reports*