
Step 1: Proposed Essay Topics

You are required to write a 500-word essay. Choose one topic from the list of topics below. You are also required to undertake some research in order to complete this essay.

1. Nowadays many women work outside the home. What are advantages and disadvantages of this?
2. Many young people nowadays live and study abroad. What problems might they encounter? What are the possible solutions to these problems?
3. Our modern world has problems with pollution. What are the causes of pollution and how does it affect our environment?
4. Television has destroyed communication among friends and family. Is this true? Provide examples to support your view.
5. Compare and contrast the opportunities your generation has with that of your parents' generation. Provide specific examples.
6. Space exploration is a waste of money. Do you agree or disagree? Support your response with recent examples.
7. Many governments believe that children should start learning a foreign language as soon as they start school. Discuss the arguments for and against this statement, using examples from at least two countries.

Please choose topic/s from this list and complete the assignment '**Choose and analyze your Essay topic**'. You will later upload this assignment on Bblearn.

Step 1: Activity with essay topics

Look at the essay topics given below and decide how many parts of the question must be included in the essay. Underline the main parts, and label these parts; topic words (ToW), task words (TaW), and controlling ideas (CI). Discuss your responses with your partner.

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Step 1: 1/20

Choose and analyze your topic.

You will now work on your topic. This assignment carries 1 % of the total mark.

Choose a topic of your interest from the list given to you earlier. This list will also be available on Bblearn under 'Research Essay Topics'. Complete the following assignment.

1. **What** is the topic that you have chosen to write your research essay on? Please write complete topic in the box below.

2. **Why** did you choose this topic? Include at least two points in your response.

3. What are the **key words/topic words/main ideas** in your topic that you think you will need to research and write about?

4. What is/are the **controlling idea/s**?

5. What is/are the **task word/s**?

6. Write one alternate topic that you can work on in case you change your mind?

Topic choice criteria:

Following criteria will be used to mark this assignment:

- Logical academic reason provided for the choice made (Q 2): 0.5 mark
- Complete analysis of the topic all parts identified (Q 3-5): 0.5 mark

Step 2: 2/20**Research your topic: Lab/Lap top assignment:**

This assignment carries **2%** of the total mark.

You can use one or both of the following paths to search for your articles.

Path: 1	Path: 2
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to Dal Library website 2. Under 'Search Libraries' choose 'articles' from the dropdown menu. Type in key words of your topic and hit 'search' 3. It will most probably take you to 'Prowler' website. Look through the topics of the articles you think can help you with your research. 4. Search for 2-3 journal articles of different authors and from different journals. 5. Look for the full text. 6. Once you have 2-3 articles, select them for your research. Do the following activity based on this search. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to 'http://scholar.google.ca/'. 2. Type in key word/s to look for articles. 3. This search will take you to a collection of articles. 4. Search for 2-3 journal articles of different authors and from different journals. 5. Look for the full text. 6. Once you have 2-3 articles, select them for your research. Do the following activity based on this search.

Title of your essay:

Record the following information from the articles you have chosen. You will use these articles for your research.

	Author (s)/Writer (s) (write full name (s) as it/they appear/s on the source)	Date/Month of publication	Title of the article	Journal/Newspaper/Book Title	Volume (if available)	Page Number/s
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Write how you would cite in text if you used these articles in your essay.

Write a reference list of these articles. Use APA style.

5. Write in the box below how you will write **in-text citation** for this part.

6. Decide if you will directly **quote** or **summarize** the idea.

Idea number 1

Idea number 2

Idea number 3

Note: You can also ask students to work on a different article related to the one they have worked on. Let them share their work with others in the class.

Step 3: Outline introduction

Complete the assignment below.

Write the title of your essay in the box below.

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Introduction/Introductory Paragraph: Write a hook; say what you will write; a quotation, a question, an interesting fact or a well-known opinion. You don't need to give detailed background information at this point. Write your thesis statement in a complete sentence (complex sentence. Use conjunctions and transitions.).

Hook:

Thesis statement:

Step 3: 3/20**Outline of the research essay**

Complete the outline of your essay using the format below. This assignment carries 3% of the total mark.

Title of your essay:

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Introduction: Write a hook; say what you will write; a quotation, a question, an interesting fact or a well-known opinion. You don't need to give detailed background information at this point. Write your thesis statement **in a complete sentence** (complex sentence. Use conjunctions and transitions.).

Hook:
Background information: (Just write points; a brief description in one sentence on what you are planning to write.)
Thesis statement:

First body paragraph:

Topic sentence: (If you don't have a topic sentence at this point, write in the point form.)
Supporting idea 1: Supporting idea 2: Supporting idea 3:

Second body paragraph:

Topic sentence: (If you don't have a topic sentence at this point, write in the point form.)
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Supporting idea 1:

Supporting idea 2:

Supporting idea 3:

Third body paragraph: (Complete this part only if there is a third body paragraph.)

Topic sentence: (If you don't have a topic sentence at this point, write in the point form.)
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Supporting idea 1:

Supporting idea 2:

Supporting idea 3:

Note: Please don't forget to keep the sources you are using, safe. The actual sources with the highlighted parts that you will have used, will be handed in with the final essay.

Step 4: 4/20

This assignment carries 4% of the total mark.

Follow these instructions to submit the first draft of your essay.

1. You are required to write a 500-word essay on a topic that you have chosen.
2. Divide your essay into a clear introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
3. Title Page: Topic of the essay [Times new Roman or Calibri. Font size 12 **bold** for the title heading] Write your name, banner number and course name and number
4. Write full title of your essay as running header. (See image 1 on Page 2)
5. Content pages: [Times new Roman or Calibri. Font size 12] Please **do not indent** the paragraphs
 - **Line spacing:** Lines should be double spaced
 - **Margin space:** 1" /2.54 cm, on right and left hand side of the margin, at the top and at the bottom of the page.
6. Reference Page. [Times new Roman or Calibri. Font size 12] References should be single spaced for the same source, and double spaced for each source that you are citing. (See image 2).
 - Please arrange your sources **alphabetically**

First draft of the research essay will be marked on the following criteria

- Neat Presentation: **0.5 mark**
- Comprehensiveness, covering all aspects of the topic: **1 mark**
- Well organized content (coherence and cohesion, use of appropriate transitions): **1 mark**
- Well researched content (references to sources and at least one source mentioned in each paragraph): **1 mark**
- All references listed and cited appropriately in APA style: **0.5 mark**

Some people think that earth is being harmed by human activity. Others believe that human activity makes the earth a better place to live. What is your opinion? Provide examples and details to support your opinion.

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