

Extended Essay Overview:

According to the *International Baccalaureate Program Guide*:

- The Extended Essay is a piece of **independent research** on a topic chosen by the student:
 - **Diploma Students** begin their EE during their junior year, and it is due in early February of their senior year.
 - **Certificate Students** begin their EE during their junior year, and it is due in November of their senior year

*** Diploma Students will have a Mentoring Teacher at SM East ***
- It is presented as a formal piece of sustained academic writing containing no more than:
 - **Diploma Students = 4,000 words**
 - **Certificate Students = 2,000 words**

It is the result of approximately **40/20 hours of work by the student**.

Extended Essay Idea Starters...

IB Learner Profile (and a few others):

What is something you learned about that actually intrigued you to research beyond the classroom? (Inquirers)	
What is an area in which you feel exceptionally smart? (Knowledgeable)	
What is an area that you've figured out a solution to make the current situation better? (Thinkers)	
What is something that made you talk non-stop? (Communicators)	

What is something that morally outraged you? (Principled)	
What is a topic/subject that opened a whole new world to you? (Open-Minded)	
What is something that broke your heart when you learned about it? (Caring)	
When is a time you experienced failure and had to make changes to then find success? (Risk-Takers)	
When is a time that you had to rely on others? (Balanced)	
When was a time that you realized your beliefs are different from your peers? (Reflective)	
What is something that disturbed you?	
What is something that puzzled you?	

What is something that made you think you could do this for a career?	
What is a CAS experience that truly touched you?	
What is a CAS experience that changed you?	