**IB EE Notes**

**3/2/12**

Introductions

Notebook/Folder: Research (Left side) Essay (Right side) Bring notebook paper

Refer to the EE Guide: Purpose of the guide—An encyclopedia of the EE

 Mistakes

 Examples

 Point Breakdown

 Learning from those that have experienced before you

 Entire Guide is on the ibsoutheast.com website

 7 subject area guides are also on website (specific areas)

Things to remember Session I: Imagine your EE essay as a journey by ship. Destination: IB Diploma!

You are the captain of the ship; I am the navigator. I tell you where the icebergs are. As a captain, you make the final choices as to whether or not you follow my advice/map.

The EE is probably the hardest thing you will do in IB (3500-4000 words). That’s why we are starting now. You will actually write it over the summer. It will be due when you pick up your schedule in August. It will affect whether or not you get your diploma.

Diplomas open doors to futures: college choices, jobs, your ability to have a quality life. You must make at least a passing grade to get your IB Diploma.

In order to write a successful EE, you need to know about the nature of the essay. That is why we are here.

Things to watch out for: Today you will start making choices. You’ll choose to do something or not to do it. Remember, not doing something is a choice.

 Get a two-pocket folder to put handouts in and notebook paper

 Choose your subject area. You should be ready to sign up for a subject area.

 Check your topic sheet for ideas as listed by subject area. Remember, all sessions are posted on the ibsoutheast.com website.

Getting to know the EE guide:

The titles of the 11 criteria by which your essay will be scored are:

 Research Question Introduction

 Investigation Knowledge and Understanding of Topic

 Reasoned Argument Analytical and Evaluative Skills

 Use of Language Conclusion

 Formal Presentation Abstract

 Holistic Judgment

List SEVEN (7) sections to be included in your “Mock up Copy” (all must be titled):

Title Page Argument

Abstract Conclusion

Table of Contents Bibliography

Introduction

 Name FOUR (4) things to include in your introduction:

Statement of Purpose

Research Question

Thesis Statement

Specific Background Appropriate to Your Topic

Concepts Theories and Terms

Importance of Topic

How You Will Investigate Your Question

 What SIX (6) things should be included in a bibliographic listing?

 Author’s Name Title of Source

 Editor Edition

 Name of Publisher Place and Date of Publication

On what TWO (2) sets of pages should you look if you want to score your own essay?

 Pages 4-5 Pages 27-32

What FOUR (4) main suggestions does the Guide give you for preparing your first draft?

What is the Extended Essay?

 It is NOT… NOT a factual report NOT a narrative or descriptive story

 NOT a book report NOT a biography

 NOT an expository essay to explain your personal feelings about something

 If you do any of the above, it will LOWER your score!

 It IS An INVESTIGATION of a QUESTION or ISSUE on a topic in a subject of your choice.

It should include: A RESEARCH QUESTION stated clearly

 A THESIS or HYPOTHESIS offering a possible answer to your research question

An ARGUMENT presenting several points of view (at least TWO). These points of view should be substantiated by cited quotations.

These quotations should be explained, interpreted, questioned, argued, and verified from more than one point of view.

A CONCLUSION, clearly stated, summarizing finding of your argument and explaining ways in which they support or refute your thesis or hypothesis.

AVOID: AVOID INTERDISCIPLINARY ESSAYS!!!!

 Write an investigation—not a report!

 A report tells information

 An investigation asks a question and finds information to answer it.

 Make sure your essay is complete—that it has all SEVEN elements.