

Why do we ask you to write an essay?

We want to encourage you to research your topic widely so that you become more knowledgeable. Writing down your ideas in a formal way will be very useful for the future for informing and explaining the science and expertise behind the practices that you will be offering in your classes not just to students but to other professionals too.

What if I haven't written an essay for years or never in English?

We don't expect a literary masterpiece particularly if English is not your first language. In some countries it may be possible to submit your work in another language, please check with your tutor or course organiser. Otherwise you will have to organise translation in to English.

Equally we appreciate that some students enjoy this medium of expression and like using the opportunity to research and explore their theme in depth. Please discuss and agree with your tutor if you have a personal topic that you wish to research. Otherwise choose one of the titles listed and try to keep to the word count.

What can I include?

Bullet points, photos, diagrams and relevant quotations from books/articles/research/feedback comments from your students/ your personal and/or professional observations and experiences will all help to make your essay an engaging and informative read.

Do include a bibliography at the end listing Books/ articles you used to research the essay and annotate any quotes that you have used. We expect you to read more widely than just your course material and manual.

Later it is great if you share your essay with your peers in your Facebook group so you can exchange ideas and research.

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