

Collaboration Across the Disciplines: An Experiment in Interdisciplinary Pedagogy
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But...
don't spend too much time reading.

At this stage, you only need to know enough about the topic to be able to form an opinion.

Do some general reading on the topic

Brainstorm your ideas

Sort your ideas into common areas

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Plan your structure

BASIC TDR STRUCTURE

TOPIC:	Intro.		
DEVELOPMENT:	Body Para. 1	Body Para. 2	Body Para. 3...
REVIEW:	Concl.		



GENERAL
(background / topic sentence)



SPECIFIC
(thesis statement / examples & evidence)

These elements join together to form the **body of the essay**



Introduction

PARAGRAPH ONE

PARAGRAPH TWO

PARAGRAPH THREE

Conclusion

INTRODUCTION

↓
to your argument



1. Topic
2. Background/Context
3. Thesis statement
4. Brief summary of main points

BODY PARAGRAPHS

1. Topic sentence
2. Supporting material
3. Concluding sentence
4. And/or link to the next paragraph



CONCLUSION



1. Restate/reaffirm thesis
2. Summarise main points
3. Discuss wider context

(But no new information!)



Take your position

Thesis Statement

(related to the assignment question)

**ONE
SENTENCE**
Your Argument

A GOOD THESIS STATEMENT SHOULD...

1. Outline what your assignment will set out to do
2. Clearly address the topic and limit its scope
3. Be brief, direct and unambiguous
4. Indicate your overall or general position in relation to the assignment topic/question

QUESTION
"What are the ethical issues surrounding Artificial Intelligence?"

THESIS STATEMENT

This essay will examine ~~ethical issues~~ surrounding Artificial Intelligence.

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EXTRA TIPS



Writing - when to begin?



Don't wait for a blinding flash of inspiration before you begin writing.

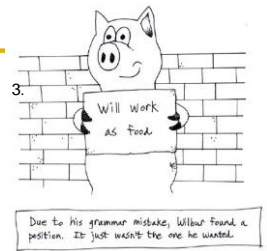
You'll develop and get clarity about your ideas **during** the process of researching and writing.

WRITING ISN'T JUST WRITING.



Prof reading is a god idea

1. For anyone who has children and doesn't know it, there is a day care centre on the first floor.



2. Warning elephants please stay in your car.



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