

The extended essay was truly one of the most rewarding assessments I have ever completed. It allowed me to pursue a topic I had passion for, allowed me to organize my own research process, and also gain both broad and very deep knowledge.

At the beginning of my research, my topic was very simply “bilingualism in childhood development”. However, as I read further I found areas I was interested in more than others and then came across some controversies, which intrigued me.

I eventually ended up with my final piece, on the subject of “Indigenous bilingual education in Australia”. I gained very deep knowledge in this specialized field, but along the way I also gained very broad knowledge in terms of the development of bilingualism and the characteristics of its development in an individual.

To all those who are about to embark on the journey of writing their extended essay enjoy the process, savour both the difficulties and the rewards along the way and follow your passions when choosing your topic.