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Writing my extended essay was a challenging and difficult process, yet it was also one of the most rewarding things I did during my IB Diploma Programme studies. Handing in the final draft came with mixed feelings of euphoria and relief as finishing it was a huge weight off my shoulders. However, despite this I found the extended essay to be one of the most enjoyable parts of the IB Diploma Programme.

This unique challenge was an opportunity for me to do my own research, to delve deeper into an area that was of strong personal interest and learn substantially more about the topic than would otherwise have been the case.

Probably the most rewarding aspect of completing the extended essay was applying so much of what I had learned from differing subject areas, ranging from English to business and management to statistics and beyond. It was good to be able to put what I had been learning in my classes to practical use, researching and preparing a report on a real world topic.

Needless to say, guidance from my extended essay mentor, Mr Robert Steer, was an invaluable permissible resource in ensuring that I remained focused at all times. For this, I am very grateful.