

Students may use or adapt the following format to guide their learning.

Introduction

This may include:

- a hypothesis and/or guiding question(s)
- a definition of the contemporary social or cultural issue
- a reason for the choice of issue, indicating an appreciation of its significance
- the overall aim of the investigation
- proposed methods.

Body

This comprises the analysis and synthesis, including, for example:

- a brief background to the issue
- an analysis of primary and secondary sources, identifying reasons for particular viewpoints
- a synthesis, drawing together the main arguments into a summary of the findings.

Conclusion

This comprises comments on the significance of the main findings, such as:

- an evaluation of the extent to which the findings support, or fail to support, the hypothesis and/or guiding question(s), and reasons why
- an evaluation and explanation of trends
- recognition of the limitations of the investigation
- unexpected, surprising, or frustrating findings and/or other reflections on the learning
- suggestions of possible future trends and/or social action.