

My experience in writing the extended essay was essentially made up of two challenges: my experiments and writing about them. The extended essay is, in my opinion, more than anything an opportunity to explore an idea in great depth. The writing portion is a chance to effectively summarize that exploration. My essay began as a series of comments I kept in a journal, where I logged daily activities in my research. I'd write down everything – from changes in procedure to comments on the monotony of repeated testing of the physical composition of soils. It grew alongside my research, and at the culmination of my testing and analysis, I compiled my journal logs, aiming to put together a coherent essay that accurately and succinctly portrayed my research. After countless hours of editing and revising, I submitted my best effort. The essay was a great chance to reflect on a year of hard work.