**TLC PODCASTS: Further resources on essay writing – planning and structure**

If you have any questions or concerns about structuring and planning your writing, support is available throughout the academic year. One very important way to improve your writing is to consider the feedback you receive on drafts and assignments. To make the most of your feedback, re-read your past work, together with your teacher’s feedback, and consider visiting your teacher during office hours to discuss feedback and ways to improve.

**TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTRE**

The Teaching and Learning Centre runs several events and workshops on writing in Michaelmas and Lent Terms. Visit www.lse.ac.uk/tlc to find out more.

See Learning Development on Moodle for the slides and recording of the TLC event, How to write essays at LSE: an introduction (<https://moodle.lse.ac.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=282400>).

Learning Development on Moodle is the TLC page for study skills materials.

MOODLE > Teaching and Learning Centre > Learning Development on Moodle > Academic Writing

Royal Literary Fund Fellows, professional writers hosted at the Teaching and Learning Centre, are available to help students, on a free, one to one basis, with any aspect of academic writing, from planning essay content and scope to structuring arguments and writing essays and dissertations in a clear, reader-friendly way. For an appointment with a Royal Literary Fund Fellow, contact [studentsupport@lse.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupport@lse.ac.uk) .

One-to-one study support is available from TLC’s qualitative study adviser. Contact [studentsupport@lse.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupport@lse.ac.uk) to make an appointment.

**BOOKS**

There are many study support books available, both as e-books and physical copies. Use the library search page to find what you need. A few examples of books on planning and structuring your essays are listed below.

Godwin, J. (2014) Planning Your Essay. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Levin, P. (2009). Write Great Essays. Maidenhead: Open University Press.

Redman, P. and Maples, W. (2011). Good Essay Writing: a social sciences guide. London: Sage.

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

The University of Manchester Library offers an interactive, online tutorial on developing and structuring your argument. **What’s the big idea? Developing and organising your argument** is available at <https://www.escholar.manchester.ac.uk/learning-objects/mle/developing-argument/> .

**Reading and note-taking** is a video from the University of Leicester that tells a precautionary tale about rushing off to find and read everything available about your essay topic. It highlights how planning your argument affects your research and reading. The video is available at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuXSL27we7Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuXSL27we7Y).