

ESSAYS AND REPORTS

Practice task: essay title analysing and essay planning

PURPOSE OF TASK: To give you an opportunity to practice analysing essay titles and drafting rough essay plans, skills which are central to almost all university courses.

THE TASK

1. Below, are three essay titles.
2. Analyse the titles, using the techniques outlined in the Essay title analysing information sheet [\[link\]](#). Include your workings in your answer.
3. For each title, draft a rough plan of its middle section, as shown in the Essay title analysing information sheet [\[link\]](#).

THE ESSAY TITLES

1. Choose three paintings by Monet, giving reasons for your choice. Compare and contrast the three paintings.
2. Critically evaluate the view that girls are more academically gifted than boys, with particular reference to current thinking and statistical evidence.
3. Describe the economic and social characteristics of a socialist regime, drawing examples from the former USSR between the First and Second World Wars.