

EDU1ISE 2018

Assessment Task 2: Research Essay (40%)

Due Date: Friday 12th October

This assignment asks you to embark on a journey of becoming a teacher who leads the way in embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives in your curriculum.

The Task:

This is a traditional 2000-word research essay with references. You have a choice of one of three topics:

1. What philosophies and principles do teachers need to consider when planning, implementing and evaluating teaching and learning experiences around Indigenous perspectives in the classroom?
2. How does colonisation continue to impact on the education of Indigenous students and how does the provision of a culturally safe classroom help address such a legacy?
3. How have the voices of Indigenous people driven the inclusion of Indigenous perspectives in the curriculum?

So much has been written over the past thirty (or more) years on how this can be done. Here are some possible places to start, but your tutors will have more ideas and sources as well.

Don't forget – you should be looking for Australian Indigenous sources.



<http://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/static/docs/Learning%20about%20Aboriginal%20and%20Torres%20Strait%20Islander%20Histories%20and%20Cultures.pdf>



www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/media/1536/guiding-principles.pdf



www.vaeai.org.au/uploads/cknw/files/Koorie%20perspectives%20in%20Curriculum%20Bulletin%20May-June%202016.pdf



www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/education/publications/bringing-them-home-interactive-resource-2017



www.welcometocountry.org/aboriginal-dreamtime-stories/



www.kooricurriculum.com

But there are plenty of books and articles too, many of which will do a better job than a website of explain why embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island perspectives is so important, and how to do it right, following proper protocols.

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Criteria	Strongly meets or exceeds requirements 80-100%	Soundly meets requirements 70-79%	Meets requirements 60-69%	Meets limited requirements 50-59%	Does not meet requirements 0-49%
Criterion 1 Informed understanding of contemporary issues in Indigenous education	Yours is a well-researched essay with a minimum of 6 recent and relevant scholarly sources, some beyond the recommendations of LMS. A thorough and up-to-date understanding of the topic, and a strong attempt to use Indigenous sources.	You have submitted a competent essay with a minimum of 6 recent and relevant scholarly sources, mostly from recommendations on LMS. A thorough and up-to-date understanding of the topic, and at least one Indigenous source of information	Yours is a competent essay with a minimum of 6 recent and relevant scholarly sources, mostly from recommendations on LMS. A thorough and up-to-date understanding of the topic, and at least one Indigenous source of information	You have submitted a very generalised essay. It is on topic but only moderately researched and possibly not entirely accurate	There is incorrect or inaccurate information in this essay, or your sources aren't reliable or credible
10 marks	marks	marks	marks	marks	marks
Criterion 2 Informed reflection on topic related to Indigenous education	Based on your strong research, your essay goes beyond 'reporting' and includes your well-informed commentary or critique of contemporary practices.	Your essay is mostly informative, but includes some elements of reflection where you reflect on contemporary classroom practices	Your essay is mostly informative, but includes some elements of reflection where you reflect on contemporary classroom practices	Your understanding of the topic is general, and you have included very little informed reflection on contemporary practices	Your essay includes no reflection
10 marks	marks	marks	marks	marks	marks
Criterion 3 Culturally appropriate use and understanding of language and terminology	The way you have used language and terminology related to Indigenous issues demonstrates a deep understanding of theory and contemporary thought	Your use of language and terminology is generally accurate and appropriate	Your use of terminology is generally accurate, but you need some guidance on culturally appropriate language	You make errors in terminology and language that were avoidable by attending lectures, engaging in tutorials and with LMS, etc.	Your use of language and terminology are culturally inappropriate
10 marks	marks	marks	marks	marks	marks
Criterion 4 Professional Presentation, academically credible sources and referencing style	This is an exceptionally well – written, scholarly essay demonstrating high level of literacy, accurate referencing	This is a well-written essay with a few errors, but demonstrating scholarship	This is acceptably written but requires proofreading or more attention to literacy and scholarly style	This essay is somewhat difficult to read and requires more attention to literacy and scholarly style	This essay is poorly written and not university standard
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Total Marks: /40					
Comments:					