



ESSAY STRUCTURE AND GUIDANCE

THE QUESTION
WHAT IS IT ASKING? HOW CAN I ANSWER IT?
WHAT SUBJECT AREAS SHOULD I READ UP ON?

INTRODUCTION (WRITE THIS LAST)

MAIN ARGUMENT (WRITE THIS FIRST)		
AGREE CITATION	POINT 1	CONTRADICT CITATION
AGREE CITATION	POINT 2	CONTRADICT CITATION
AGREE CITATION	POINT 3	CONTRADICT CITATION
AGREE CITATION	POINT 4	CONTRADICT CITATION
AGREE CITATION	POINT 5	CONTRADICT CITATION
	ETC....	

CONCLUSION (WRITE THIS SECOND)
SUMMARISE YOUR ARGUMENT AND DEFINE YOUR OWN POSITION TO CONCLUDE

APPENDICES
ANY FURTHER INFO, BEYOND A CITATION, YOU WANT THE READER TO READ

BIBLIOGRAPHY
ALL CITATIONS, LISTED ALPHABETICALLY, HARVARD REF SYSTEM

Top Tips:

- Read and research outside of class time: it's a major part of the MA
- Highlight chapters, citation examples as you read and keep a logged list of them and why you highlighted each
- There is no wrong answer: only your argument researched well, laid out correctly
- If you need to, write out skeleton argument as below or a sample paragraph and citations and take that to an academic tutorial to ask if you're on the right track