IB & Rationale – Essay Guide Plan

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   - Grouping map to brainstorm

3. Research your topic
   - General grouping
   - Grouping map to represent research
   - Exercises on basis boxes, locating arguments in prose

4. Organising the argument structure: preliminary outline
   - Online exercises for reasoning maps
   - Structure argument map to represent thesis and different points of view

5. Refine argument: extended outline
   - Structure and refine argument map utilising research
   - Online exercises for reasoning maps, refining claims

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Extended Essay Steps

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   - Add basis boxes to identify evidence/source of claims
   - Basis boxes in online exercises

7. Assumptions/cognitive bias
   - Consider assumptions: those by others and one's own. Transform reasoning map to analysis map

8. Evaluation
   - Analysis exercises, finding assumptions
   - Evaluate evidence, claims and arrive at a conclusion
   - Online exercises on evaluation

9. Draft essay
   - Online exercises on writing essays
   - Write essay plan utilising structure of map as a guideline

10. Final essay
    - Online exercises on writing essays
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    Write abstract.
    Use argument map as summary for writing abstract.