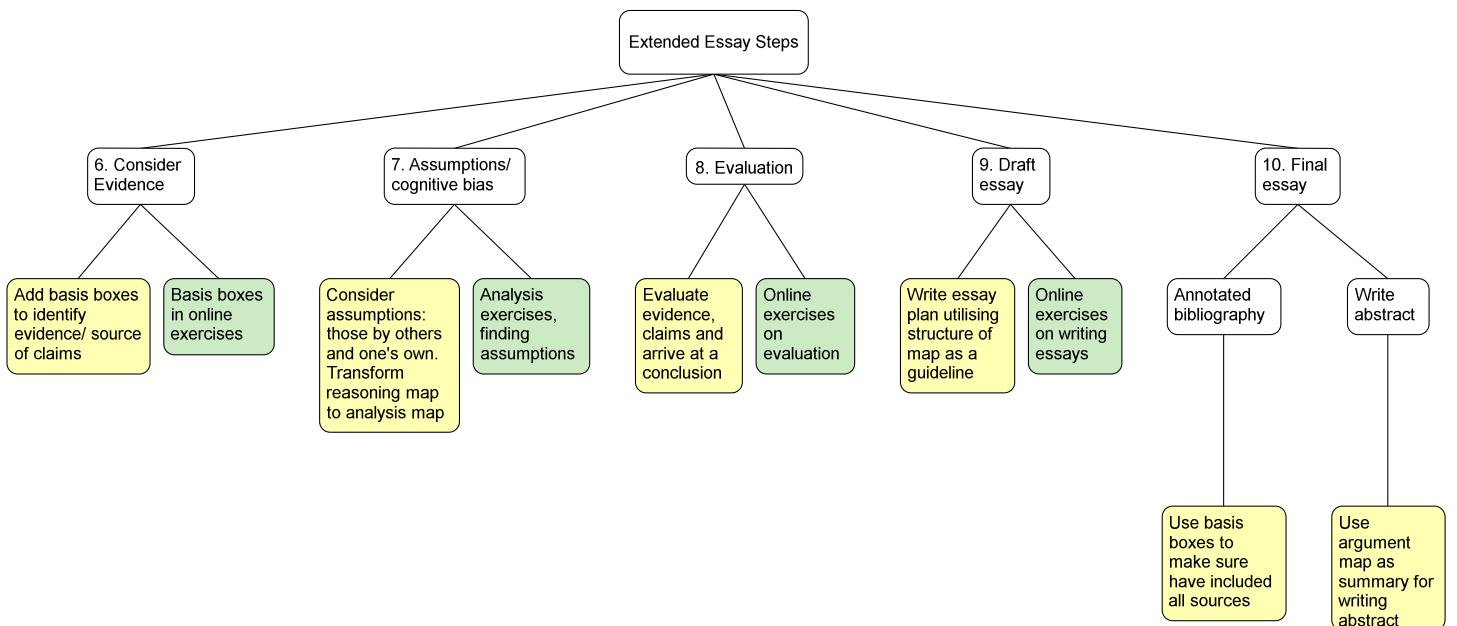
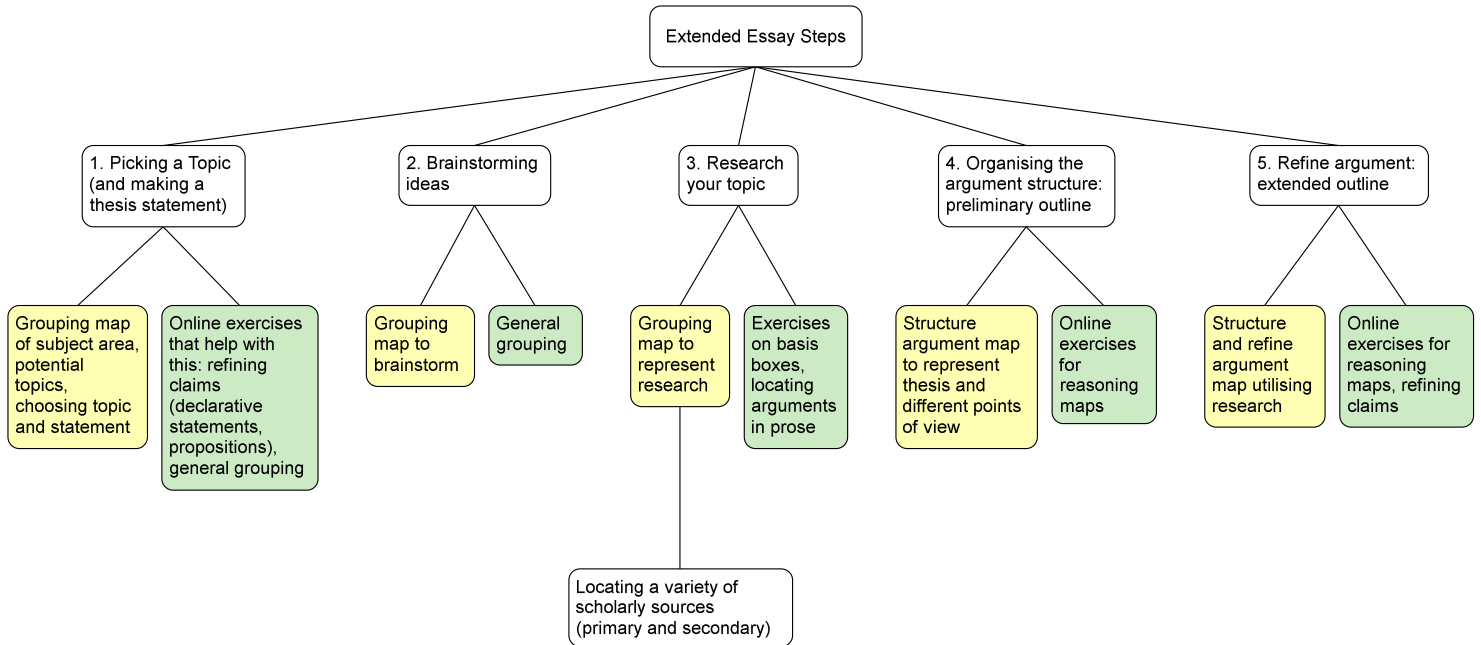
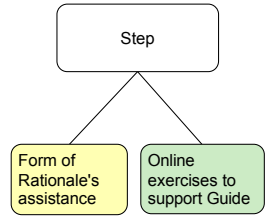


# IB & Rationale – Essay Guide Plan



## Extended Essay Steps

### 1. Picking a Topic (and making a thesis statement).

Grouping map of subject area, potential topics, choosing topic and statement.

Online exercises that help with this: refining claims (declarative statements, propositions), general grouping.

### 2. Brainstorming ideas

Grouping map to brainstorm.

Online exercises for grouping maps.

### 3. Research your topic

Grouping map to represent research.

Locating a variety of scholarly sources (primary and secondary).

Exercises on basis boxes, locating arguments in prose.

### 4. Organizing the argument structure: preliminary outline

Structure argument map to represent thesis and different points of view.

Online exercises for reasoning maps.

### 5. Refine argument: extended outline

Structure and refine argument map utilizing research.

Online exercises for reasoning maps, refining claims.

### 6. Consider Evidence

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.

Analysis exercises, finding assumptions.

### 8. Evaluation

Evaluate evidence, claims and arrive at a conclusion.

Online exercises on evaluation.

### 9. Draft essay

Write essay plan utilizing structure of map as a guideline.

Online exercises on writing essays.

### 10. Final essay

Annotated bibliography.

Use basis boxes to make sure have included all sources.

Write abstract.

Use argument map as summary for writing abstract.