

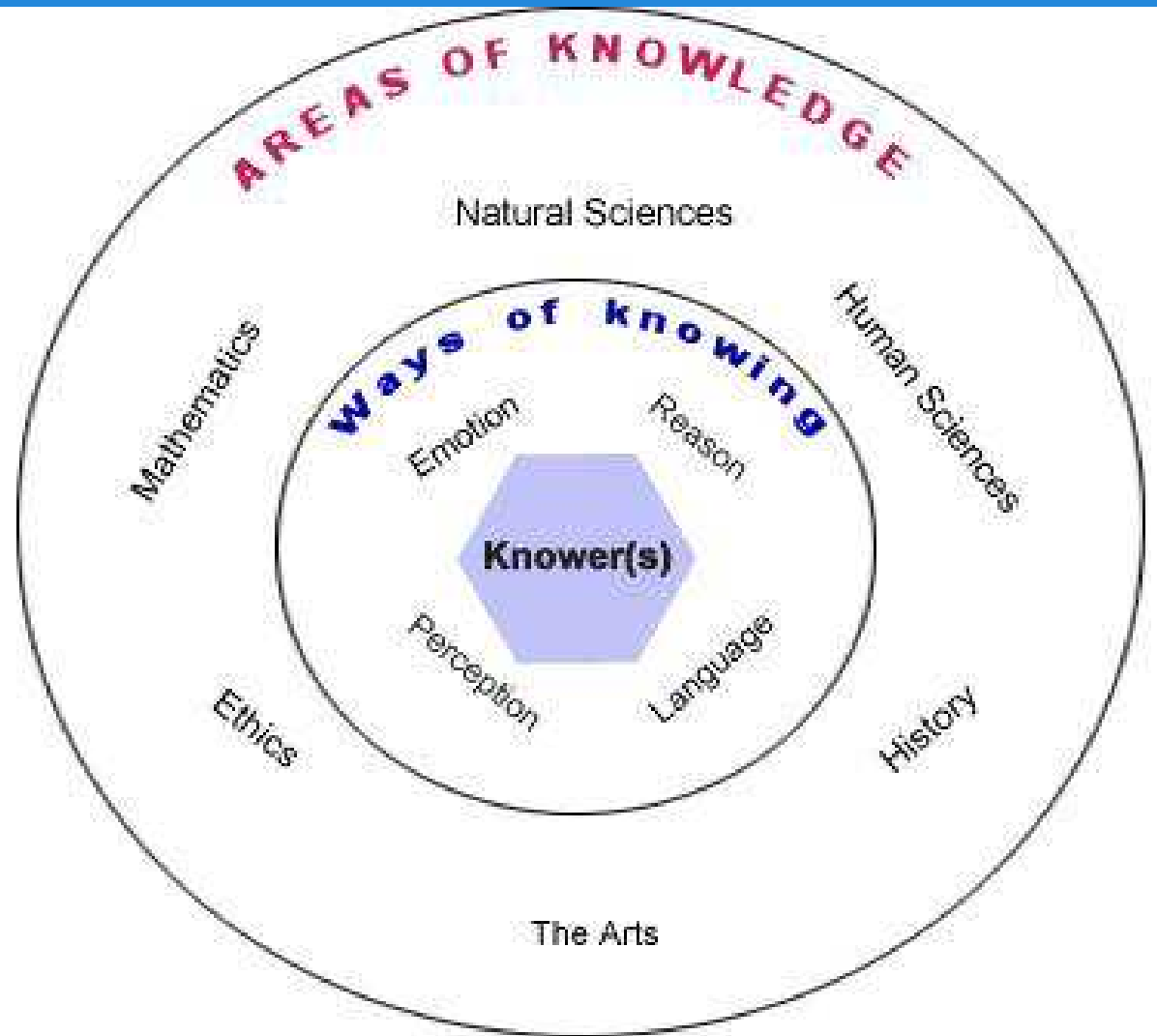
Intro to the Extended Essay

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Theory of Knowledge
Diagram*

*-Class of 2015 will
use a different
diagram



Sequoia TOK Class Components

Prescribed Title Essay

TOK Presentation

Extended Essay



Extended Essay Basics

4000 words

- 12~15 pages of content.

Research Paper

- The quality of your essay is highly determined by amount and depth of research

Written on Topic of Student's Choice*

Extended Essay Topic Areas

Group 1 (Language A)

Group 2 (Language B)

Biology

Business and Management

Chemistry

Classical Greek and Latin

Computer Science

Dance

Design Technology

Economics

Environmental Sys. and Soc.

Film Studies

Geography

History

Human Rights

Inform. Tech. in a Global Soc.

Extended Essay Topic Areas (cont.)

Literature and
Performance

Mathematics

Music

Peace and Conflict Studies

Philosophy

Physics

Politics

Psychology

Social and Cultural Anthropology

Theatre

Visual Arts

World Religions

World Studies

Thoughts on Certain Topics

Sequoia HS Popular Topics

- History
- English
- Math
- Art
- Music
- Film

These are subjects that many Sequoia students do and/or perform well in.

Thoughts on Certain Topics

Historically, Sequoia has discouraged:

- Psychology and Economics

Biology requires an experiment.

History topics must be at least 10 years old.

IB encourages an EE in the topic of a class taken.

Languages

All EEs in Groups 3 through 6 can be written in:

- English, Spanish, and French.
- Biology and History can also be written in German

Group 1 must be written in English

Group 2 must be written in the subject language
(French or Spanish)

Language (cont.)

- You must register your EE in the language it is written in order for it to be assessed by IB.
- If you write it in a language other than English, you must find a staff supervisor who speaks that language and is knowledgeable in the subject area.

Time Frame

January

- Advisors, Research and Citation Presentations, Research Logs

February

- Research Logs

March

- EE Presentations

Time Frame (cont.)

April

- Rough Draft Due

Beginning of May

- EEs go to Advisors

End of May

- Advisor Feedback

September

- Final Draft Due!

February 2015

- Viva-Voce

Tips for Success

- Start thinking about your topic NOW!
- Talk with IB Diploma seniors about your topic.
- Use Winter Break to start your research.

Tips for Deciding on A Topic

- Be passionate about it.
- A good topic is one that you think about, research, and still love after an extended period of time.
- When narrowing your topic, let the research guide you. Don't preempt the focus.

Tips for Deciding on A Topic (cont.)

Make your topic local!

- These score the best, especially in History.

Avoid choosing topics with language barriers.

- (History) Will you be able to read primary documents in that language?

Resources for Research

Jstor.org

- Username: **sequoia**
- password: **raven**



Google Scholar

Family

- potential primary sources!

Did I mention Sensei Shasky??



BUT EVERYTHING CHANGED



WHEN THE PROCRASTI-NATION ATTACKED

Time Management

Set specific goals and deadlines beyond what are assigned by Mrs. Kispersky.

Your progress is largely affected by the amount of research you conduct, so if you wait to research, you will not have a working topic/essay.

- But there comes a point when you must write.

ONE DOES NOT SIMPLY

FINISH AN EE

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The Quality of your Paper

Make your rough draft as good as possible.

- This will make feedback more meaningful.

Use the summer to make all final changes.

- The only things you should be doing in Fall 2014 are formatting and small, non-content edits

Finally finished my



Extended Essay

Make the Experience Enjoyable!

This is your chance to explore a topic of interest and truly produce work that you can call your own.

Create a product that you can discuss with college interviewers, show off to future professors, and just be proud of!

May lead to a possible college major.

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