

Writing the extended essay was very honestly a grueling process that involved a great deal of planning and hard work. I had decided beforehand to work on a topic that was both different from what my peers were doing, as well as personally engaging, leading me to write an essay in market failure rather than market structure. This needed more research but less fieldwork, an arrangement I was comfortable with. Identifying the facts required for my essay took a much longer time than selecting my topic; it required breaking down my question into a series of sub questions, which then pointed the way forward for my research. Although the process of writing the essay was a strenuous one, the knowledge I gained from it and, more importantly, the satisfaction arising from its completion vindicated the effort involved in producing it.