**English Extended Essay**

If you have chosen English as the subject area for your extended essay you will be writing a detailed literary analysis on a topic related to one or two major works of literature. The essay will be a piece of formal writing and formatted using the MLA Style Guide.

Your extended essay must be text specific. Lapsing into a discussion of social issues arising from the text(s) is unacceptable. An analysis of Shakespeare’s treatment of anti-Semitism in *The Merchant of Venice* would be an acceptable topic but a discussion of the treatment of Jews in England in the 16th century using the play as an example would not.

Please Note:

- The choice of text(s) must be approved by your teacher-mentor.
- Your thesis will be generated by you after discussions with your mentor.
- It is the role of the mentor to guide you through the Extended Essay process, not do your work for you.
- Your mentor will not edit your essay. That is your job.
- Students without strong analytical skills are unlikely to be successful.