

Assignment sheet

Your task is to write an expository essay. You will need to conduct some research to complete the task. Select one of the following options for your essay's topic.

Option A: Using internet resources, familiarise yourself with the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. Outline your personal opinion about whether Australia's present government is acting in violation of the declaration in their handling of native title issues.

Option B: Using internet resources, familiarise yourself with the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*. Describe the ways in which this document articulates the concept of land rights and their scope.

Option C: Find out about the current status of extinguishment under Australian law. In what circumstances is the Australian government able to extinguish native title? Discuss your findings.

Option D: Conduct internet research to identify the outcomes of the *Mabo v Queensland (No 2)* (1992) legal case in Australia. Which outcomes proved to have the most far-reaching consequences for native title law in Australia?

Option E: Summarise the social and political changes necessary to improve the justice of Australian native title legislation.

Option F: With reference to specific examples from your own knowledge, explain how the media can influence public opinion about native title issues in Australian law.

Revision of Essay Structure

Remember the structure of an expository (explaining) essay.

Introduction

- thesis statement (answer to the question or summary of your position on the statement in one sentence)
- list of key points in the same order as they will appear in the main body

Main body

- topic sentence for first key point
- evidence for first key point
- explanation of how this evidence supports this key point
- link back to thesis - explanation of how this evidence supports the overall thesis

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Conclusion

- restatement of the thesis in different words
- summary of how the key points (as a group) support the thesis
- closing statement