

## Assignment sheet

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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