

# Essay Plan

Introduction			
	Point and Explanation	Evidence/ Examples	Link to Question
P1			
P2			
P3			
P4			
P5			
Conclusion			

## Notes for Essay Planning:

- Introduction
  - Definitions of key words
  - Background to the topic and why is the topic important?
  - In this essay I will... (talk about what you will discuss in the essay and what you think the topic is about. Even if you've interpreted the question wrong, if you start the essay by saying what you've interpreted it as, its likely that if it's a good essay, you won't get marked down for it)
- Paragraphs
  - Have one main point for each paragraph. Start by stating the point, then in the next few sentences explain it more and use examples with sources. At the end of each paragraph or even throughout it, make sure you link the point to the question. Why is it relevant? How does it link to the topic being discussed?
  - Make sure you have the sources/ references for each of the points you make. These should be sources from papers from lectures but also from outside sources (google scholar is great for this) to show outside/further reading and understanding
  - Try to write around 4-6 paragraphs depending on the word count.
- Conclusion
  - If it's a question looking at two or more sides of an argument, talk about what you think is the right one and back that up with facts used in your essay
  - If it's an essay on talking about a topic with no sides of an argument, briefly talk about the points that you've made about the topic (summarise it) and use the question (If the question is 'Discuss individuality in foraging and migration in aquatic vertebrates' then start by saying 'Individuality in foraging and migration does occur in aquatic vertebrates...')
  - Some essays may be different types to the ones above but overall, bring everything together and answer the question