
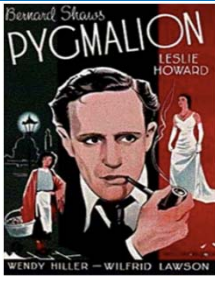
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From being Eliza Doolittle the flower seller



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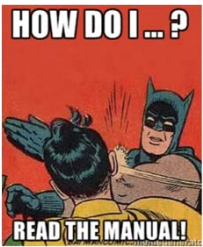
To an academically trained performer (writing wise)!



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Some key points....

- Read the course handbook – it is your manual!
- Think before you write
- Answer the question asked....
- Start with the end in mind – draw a “story board” for your essay.
- Use “Theory of Mind” – write with your reader in mind :
 - What does s/he need to know to understand your argument?
 - Signpost the way for them...




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Some key points....

- Don't make claims you can't provide evidence for
 - Don't editorialise
 - Cite the PEER REVIEWED literature!
- Spell check – especially authors names! (and your lecturer's!!)
- Don't expect examples to 'speak for themselves' - you have to talk the reader through them and say why/how they uphold the principles you suggest that they illustrate.
- Leave LOTS of time to edit!

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But maybe an easier way to think about this is...
How to keep your lecturer's internal marking play-list happy..



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Your Lecturer's Marking Playlist...
What you DON'T want them to sing...

An alternatively worded “Stop” by Sam Brown
“All that I have is all that you've given me – did you never worry that I'd check your work through Turn it in....?”



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Instead... we want to return to "My Fair Lady"....

"Wouldn't it be lovely..."



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a special version of "All I want" for you... (Lecturer's Version)....

But – you are going to learn the words and join in too!

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"All I want...." (Lecturer's Version)

All I want is a text that's neat,
Includes your name
spell-checked is a treat
Answers the question asked
Oh wouldn't it be lovely.

A student who tells me what they want to say,
& remembers to signpost the way!
Shows that you read and think
Oh wouldn't it be lovely.

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Oh so lovely to read a text
Including references
Wikipedia is not- really not - our friend ...

Peer referenced texts are a joy to see
Include examples - you might get a B
Talks through key points for me
Oh wouldn't it be lovely....lovely, lovely....

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All I want is a critical review

Evaluate all arguments - thats what you have to do

Be clear, weigh up the facts

Oh - Synthesis is lovely.

A reference list including everything you cite

Making sure that the structure is just right.

Page numbers, publication house

Oh wouldn't that be lovely.

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Oh so lovely to read a text

Including references

Wikipedia is not- really not - our friend ...

Leave time to edit - it's key you see

Grammar checks will win marks from me

Take time - eventually

writing will be lovely.

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To support you in doing this....



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....to get you to this.... A demonstrably independent, critical thinker...



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