



# **PERSONAL STATEMENTS**

# **WIDER READING**



## WHAT IS WIDER READING?

Wider reading can take many different forms. It could be a **journal** or **article** on Google scholar, a **book** from the library or even a **magazine**.

Especially Journal research can provide an insight into the wider academic circle that is specifically related to your subject. It can really help you to take an interest in further reading before you become a university student.

## HOW DO I FIND AND CHOOSE WIDER READING?

Use the wider reading guide in the main document for useful links to wider reading.

The main thing is to choose a related topic to your degree of choice, that is up to date and a credible source. Use critical thinking to assess whether the source is worth your time.

Also think about whether the topic is too advanced for you? Is it aimed at PHD students? Maybe look for something a little more general?

If you don't know where to start look at modules on course pages that interest you and search for those terms on google scholar!



# EXAMPLE OF HOW TO WRITE ABOUT...

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This example highlights that the student has engaged with the content of the article, as they have reflected on their response, and then linked it back to their degree.

“My interest in psychological processes was furthered after reading John Briggs’ journal entry, “Analysing Memory”. Briggs discusses the notion of working memory and explores the limited capacity that an individuals’ long-term memory has. I was particularly captivated by the experimental design that was used within his research, by allowing a control group of participants to be compared against the experimental group. This article has inspired me to examine the field of psychological research even more whilst preparing for my degree.”

Include the title of the article and the author. A surname is enough if you wish.

Don’t forget your A B C’s. Like Point, Evidence, Explain in English, we can use the acronym **ABC** to ensure we have covered everything in our super curricular example:

**A** Activity



**B** Benefit



**C** Course



# 'YOUR TURN' WORKSHEET



Use this worksheet to fill in whilst doing your wider reading and put together your example:



<b>A</b> Activity	
What is the article/journal/book topic about and why are you interested in this specific topic?  Who was is written by?	
<b>B</b> Benefit	
How did it make you feel about the topic?  What knowledge did you gain?  What were the most interesting areas they explored?  Was there anything new or controversial you enjoyed exploring?	
<b>C</b> Course	
How will the knowledge gained from it help you during your degree?  What part of this subject are you looking forward to exploring further in your degree?	

