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Lesson	Lesson topic	Outline	Time (min)	Resources	Key topics
1	What is a dissertation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion: characteristics of a dissertation</li> <li>• Activity 1: Review selection of dissertations</li> </ul>	15  25	Edexcel Level 3 Extended Project guide  AQA Extended Project Companion  OCR Student Guide  Exemplar Dissertation(s) are available on the Edexcel website <a href="#">here</a> .  Dissertations from previous learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of dissertation</li> <li>• Requirements for 'extension'</li> </ul>
2	Frameworks for Thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion: 'Big Questions' that might be addressed in a Dissertation</li> <li>• Activity 2: Big Questions</li> <li>• Discussion: Philosophical Frameworks</li> <li>• Activity 3: Framing Answers</li> </ul>	5  10  10  15 + home work	Edexcel Level 3 Extended Project guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realism and Relativism</li> <li>• Theism, Atheism and Agnosticism</li> <li>• Dualism and Materialism</li> <li>• Essentialism and Constructivism</li> <li>• Determinism and Libertarianism</li> <li>• Innatism and Empiricism</li> </ul>
3	Frameworks and Dissertations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion: Using Frameworks</li> </ul>	5  35 + home	AQA Extended Project Companion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using frameworks in practice</li> </ul>

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