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

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activity 4: Using Frameworks	work	Edexcel Level 3 Extended Project Guide OCR Extended Project Guide Case studies	
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