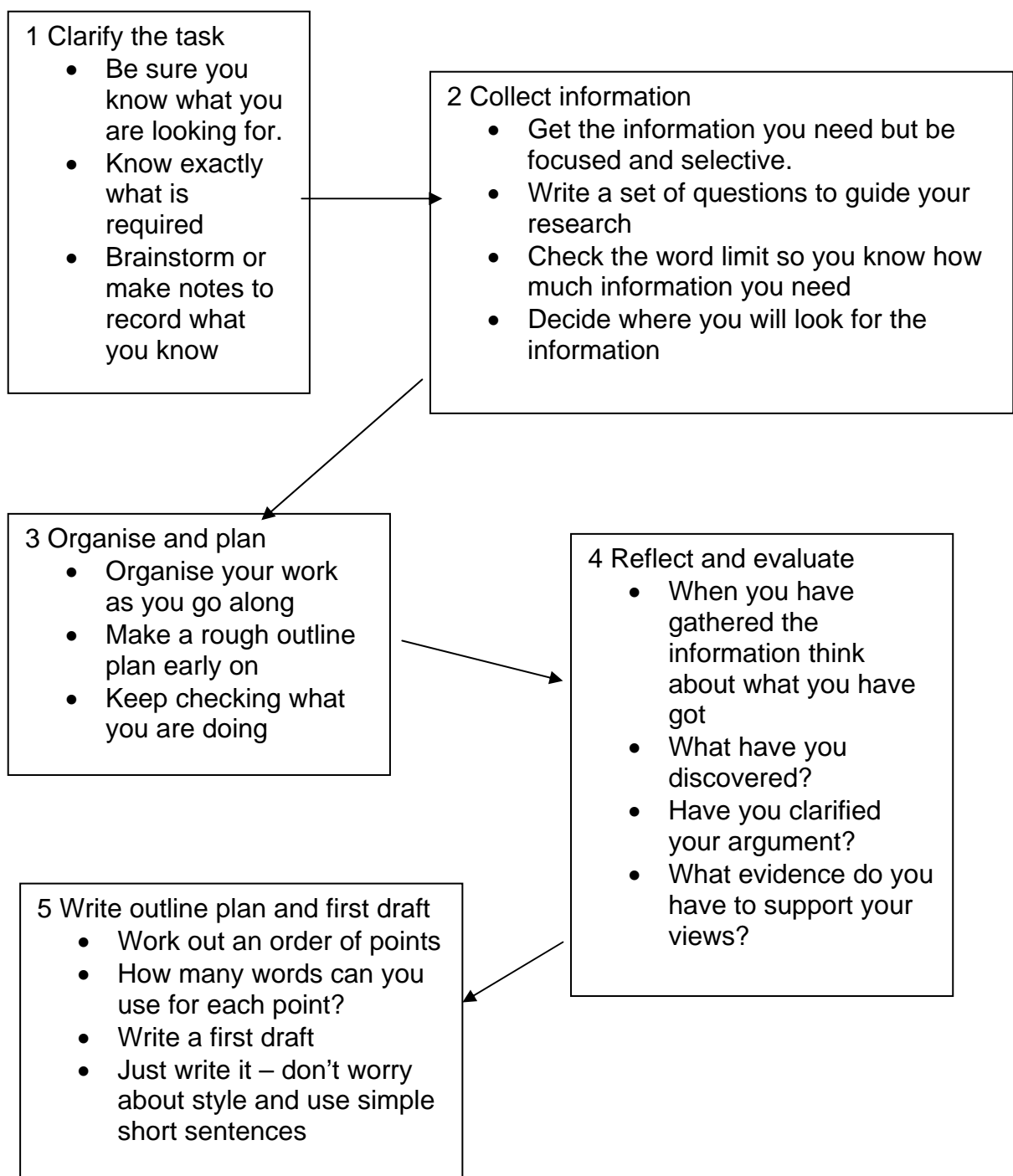


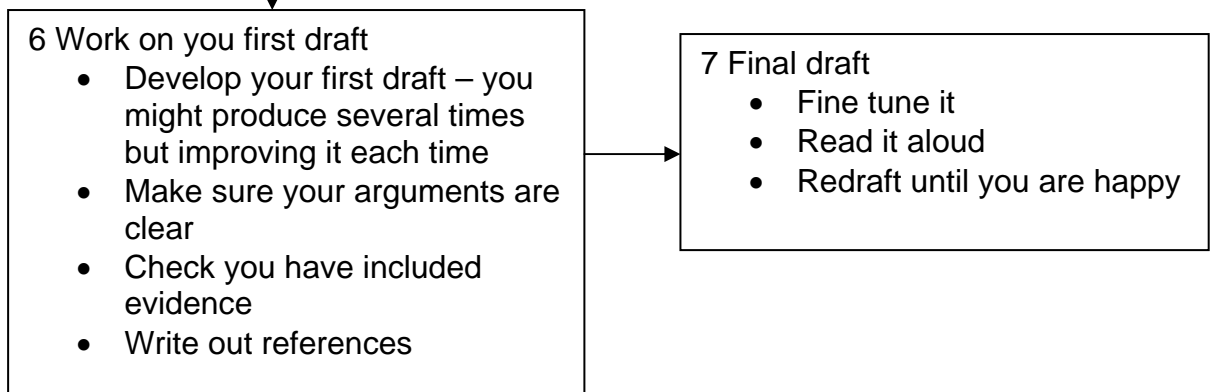
Essay Writing



During your time at college you will probably have to write a number of essays. Although there is no one correct way to write an essay, the following guidelines may help.

Before you develop your own method of writing essays try these 7 guidelines:





Structuring your essay

1. Title/Question

- Your essay must focus on the title/question

2. Introduction

- Comment on the subject of the essay
- Identify issues you are going to explore
- Give a brief outline of the overall theme, highlighting the main points you are going to make

3. Main body

- This covers what you said in the introduction
- Introduce the main idea(s) of the essay
- Develop the main ideas of the essay
- Support each idea with relevant examples and evidence etc
- As the essay develops make it clear how the ideas relate to each other
- This section should be about 80% of the overall word total

4. Conclusion

- Summarise the main ideas
- State your general conclusions
- Make it clear why those conclusions are important
- In your last sentence sum up your argument linking it to the title/question

5. Bibliography/References

- List all books and articles you used within the essay

General essay guidelines

- Write on one side only
- Put your name on each page
- Number the pages
- Leave space between lines so you tutor can add comments
- Use a good dictionary
- Make sure your spelling and punctuation is accurate
- Use a clear and simple font
- Support you points with appropriate references. Do not copy material without acknowledgement - If you do you may be guilty of plagiarism.
- Have supporting evidence when making assertions
- When making generalisation give specific examples