

EDSC Work Practices Self-Assessment

An important part of learning is the process of reflecting on what you have achieved and considering what you need to do to make further progress. The following comments provide an outline of the skills which you should have demonstrated in your work.

Write a short paragraph in response to each of the following headings. Use the questions to guide your thoughts – you are not expected to answer each one separately.

1. *Working in groups*

Have you worked well in groups? Did you co-operate with other group members? Were you prepared to persevere until the task was completed, or did your concentration lapse. Have you been able to explain and provide evidence for your own ideas to other members of the group(s)? Have you listened to others and encouraged them to explain and provide evidence for their ideas? Have you found others a distraction? If so, have tried to help the group return to discussing only relevant points? To what extent have you been a distraction to other group members? When you have been required to record points made in a group discussion, have you did this accurately and in detail.? Did you check that the group was happy with your summary of the discussion?

2. *Participating in class discussion*

Have you participated in class questioning/discussions? Has this been only when asked questions by the teacher, or have you offered opinions? Do you give reasons for your judgements about issues, or the motivations of characters in texts, or tend to give short, closed answers? Do you ever refer to the comments or answers of other students in your comments, (which might show that you have been listening to the whole discussion rather than just the teacher's questions)? Did you listen to the discussion, and follow the progress of them, or did your concentration drift?

3. *Meeting deadlines*

Have you been able to meet deadlines that were set for the completion of work? Did you have to rush to do this, or did you make steady progress on the tasks? When you needed help, did you ask for it straight away? Who did you ask? Were they able to help?

4. *Learning with others*

Have you worked co-operatively with others? What changes did you make as a result of advice (e.g. a comment on your written work) given to you? Have you been able to offer help to others when working in groups? How often did you try to help others (perhaps by suggesting additional reasons which might support a point of view they were presenting)?

5. *Learning improvement*

How satisfied, overall, have you been with your work and work practices? Are there aspects that you need to improve? If so, what strategies will you use to ensure that this improvement comes about?

6. *Exam*

How satisfied are you with your exam performance? Did you prepare by learning quotations from the novel and going over your language analysis notes? Did you use your time well in the exam? Are there things you will do differently in semester 2?

7. *Semester report*

Write the semester report that you think you should be given. Use the normal language of reports.