## EE Preliminary Topic of Interest Bring to First Meeting with Supervisor: January 2012—Student Takes Dialogue Notes

Dialogue notes should be hand-written. Make sure your supervisor signs this form both at the bottom and signs his/her signature in the space next to the grade you earned on the rubric.

Student Name:	Supervisor Name:
Subject Area:	Topic of Interest:
"Preparing for the EE": "How to Br Topic." Then, print out, complete Question" to your first interview. W supervisor for advice on how to im	destions using the format on the first two handouts of the page rainstorm a Good Research Topic" and "How to Propose a Great Ele, and bring in a copy of the handout "Finalizing a Great Research rite your possible questions below. Take notes with the help of you aprove your question and possible supplemental reading. The rubrivisor to evaluate your preparedness.
Research Questions You Might Pose	e for the Extended Essay:
1.	
2.	
Dialogue Notes:	
Supervisor's Signature:	Date:
Candidate's Signature:	

<sup>\*\*</sup>See rating scale on the next page.

EE General Supervision Meeting:	(list meeting type or number)
Rubric E	valuation
Attention Supervisor: Initial the box next to the appropriate with the student. Both the student and supervisor should retain a copy for his/her records.	ropriate grade for the evaluated student. Review nould sign at the bottom of the form. The supervisor
0 Candidate does not show or was unprepared to conducted, ideas or questions; showed no initiation to ask leading questions; any assignments due are notes; efforts show the candidate is in danger of faignored or procrastinated heavily	ot complete or poorly done; takes no or minimal
the conversation; does not have clear understanding thoughts and ideas regarding topic are not establish cannot engage in lengthy conversation about topic;	ed or appropriate to this point in the process; if applicable, assignments are barely complete but s; possible research questions or process leads to the rts shows candidate is in danger of failing the EE
2 Candidate is somewhat prepared; showed some initiated conversation but had some difficulty leading to ask questions to keep the conversation moving; to broad; if applicable, assignments are complete, lack in quality; student is not in danger of failing, but stage in the process to successfully complete the Electric stage.	g the conference and had to depend on supervisor akes minimal notes possible research questions are follow directions, and show effort, though they may at concern exists about the student's ability at this
3 Candidate is mostly prepared; has read and preading and their own possible research ideas; initial conference; asks engaging questions; takes adequate follow direction, and are completed with competency show a proactive rather than reactive approach to the student's EE will be successful	e notes; if, applicable, assignments are complete, ce; despite some issues of concern, efforts clearly
4 Candidate was clearly prepared; has read and fluently and comfortably about the connections betwinitiates and directs the conversation during the convexceptionally productive; if applicable, assignments efforts clearly show a proactive rather than a reactive that the student's EE will be successful	ween resources read and own ideas and questions; ference; takes adequate notes; conference is are complete, follow directions, and are done well;
Supervisor Comments:	
Student Signature:	Supervisor Signature:

## **Preparing for your Preliminary Advisement**

Your goals leaving your preliminary advisement are the following:

A. Discuss your proposed topic/research question with your supervisor. First, talk about what motivated you to explore this for the EE and why you feel it is an area of strength for you. Then, analyze the topic or question Socratically together; specifically, move along a spectrum from general to specific, vague to clear. It is not necessary to polish a research question yet since you have not completed background reading, but it will help give you direction for the reading that lies ahead.

B. In conjunction with your supervisor, generate a list of potential sources to read for background information on your topic to make you more knowledgeable. This reading should cover about ten hours, is essential to refining a good research question and finding possible sources, and will vary greatly depending on your topic and subject. While your supervisor can help you in this endeavor, you should also bring ideas to the table. Do a web search of books, articles, and other sources related to your topic and bring a list to discuss to the meeting. Do not come empty-handed as you are expected to take the lead on this despite the expertise of your supervisor. You will be expected to report on your findings to your EE supervisor at your next meeting.

C. Understand the ways in which your proposed topic/question needs to be altered to be challenging but appropriate for the length of the EE. Note that your topic/question will probably change at least slightly and maybe dramatically over the next few weeks in response to your background reading. Anticipate how it might change or needs to change during this time. Discuss possible questions or problems areas that you may need to address. Additionally, your supervisor may assign you unique work (learning certain vocabulary, listening to music, interviewing someone, visiting a museum, if relevant to your essay). Be prepared to research creatively.