Writing a Law Research Essay

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Take an approach on a problem (either self-assigned or from lecturer) and consider possible objections or alternative interpretations.

Propose or demonstrate an answer using primary evidence to support your argument.

Demonstrate strong research and writing skills, and ability to apply new knowledge.

If you have any questions, consult your assignment instructions or your lecturer.

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