# Writing at Master’s Level by Kate Swinton [Video Transcript]

Firstly, you need to consider the assignment brief. Think about what you are actually been asked to focus on. Look at the learning outcomes and the grade criteria to help you. Think about the resources you will need to be able to answer the brief fully.

Planning your work is important; create a plan of your assignment. What key points, theories do you need to include?

At master’s level, you will need to do a wider range of reading. You need to think critically about your sources and consider the validity of the research. When writing at master’s there needs to be a clear structure, also a coherent thread that evident throughout the piece. The writing should pursue a clear argument which takes into account any counter arguments and is supported by appropriate evidence.

The writing must be critical, instead of informing the reader of an event for example, think about what the significance is. When writing, always consider why the reader needs to know the points. Identify the strengths and weaknesses of the theorist’s research.

The work needs to be written in accurate and appropriate language. It should be formal, always allow time to re-draft and always check your grammar and sentence structure.

All of your work must be referenced. At master’s level you are expected to reference correctly using your courses referencing scheme. Reference as you go along and always check with appropriate referencing guides.