# Writing up your Dissertation by Kate Swinton [Video Transcript]

By now you should have carried out most of your research and created a clear plan of your dissertation structure. When writing up your dissertation it can be helpful to think of your chapters as separate pieces of work. This can make the process of writing up appear less daunting.

Each chapter needs to have its own clear introduction and conclusion with referencing throughout. Think carefully about what you are writing, it is important to be critical and keep descriptive writing to a minimum. Question yourself when writing, why am I telling the reader this, is there a clear argument and have I considered both sides of the debate.

After writing up your chapters you need to make sure you link your chapters together, consider the structure as a whole, do chapters need to be moved to make it flow better?

You need to consider carefully how best to present your data, think about how easy it is for the reader to understand, and find the key information. As well as presenting your data you need to carefully consider what your findings mean, both in your own dissertation and the wider field. Does the research support current research or do they suggest something different? What is the significance of your research?

You should have a concluding chapter to your dissertation. This is a summary of the whole dissertation and identifies your key points, arguments. Think about the significance of the dissertation as a whole.

It is a crucial that you allow plenty of time for editing your dissertation. You need to check your references throughout, including your reference list and or bibliography.

It can be helpful to read your work out loud. This will help you identify if your work flows and also identify any grammatical errors you have made. Remember to carefully check your grammar in each chapter.

Thank you.