ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND PAPER WRITING

TIPS FOR RESEARCH & WRITING PAPERS:

- **Make a plan**: Writing is a **process** with many steps. Start early, make a plan, and break down each step.
- **Understand your assignment**: What is the purpose of the assignment? Who is your audience? What resources do you need? Ask your instructor if you have questions, and/or visit the Center for Writers.
- **Remember**: Writing in college is different than writing in high school. Your task as a scholar is to present an informed argument to your readers.

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NDSU Center for Writer's Steps in the Writing Process:

1) Getting Started: Prewriting and Invention
2) Making a Claim/Writing a Thesis
3) Planning and Organizing/Writing an Outline
4) Introductions & Conclusions
5) Revising
6) Editing/Proofreading

Helpful Links:

NDSU Center for Writers: Main Page and Appointment Scheduling: https://www.ndsu.edu/cfwriters/

NDSU Center for Writers: Citing Sources: https://www.ndsu.edu/cfwriters/citing_sources/

Purdue Online Writing Lab: The Writing Process
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/the_writing_process/index.html

Purdue Online Writing Lab: Avoiding Plagiarism https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/avoiding_plagiarism/index.html

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

UC Berkley's Considerations for Evaluating Sources:

1. **Authority** - Who is the author? What is their point of view?
2. **Purpose** - Why was the source created? Who is the intended audience?
3. **Publication & format** - Where was it published? In what medium?
4. **Relevance** - How is it relevant to your research? What is its scope?
5. **Date of publication** - When was it written? Has it been updated?
6. **Documentation** - Did they cite their sources? Who did they cite?

Can I turn in a paper without citing all sources?

"No".[1]

[1] William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*, Act III, Scene I, line 96

Helpful Links:

UC Berkley: Considerations for Evaluating Sources http://guides.lib.berkeley.edu/evaluating-resources

NDSU Center for Writers: Finding and Evaluating Sources https://www.ndsu.edu/cfwriters/finding_evaluating_sources/

NDSU Library: Librarian Consultation Scheduling: https://library.ndsu.edu/librarian-consultation

NDSU Library Research Guides: Find articles from databases relevant to your topic https://library.ndsu.edu/guides

Purdue Online Writing Lab: Searching Online for Sources
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/conducting_research/searching_online/index.html