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.

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/](https://www.ndsu.edu/cfwriters/)
- NDSU Center for Writers: Citing Sources: [https://www.ndsu.edu/cfwriters/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](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/the_writing_process/index.html)
- Purdue Online Writing Lab: Tips for Avoiding Plagiarism [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/using_research/avoiding_plagiarism/index.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/using_research/avoiding_plagiarism/index.html)

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?

Helpful Links:

- UC Berkley: Considerations for Evaluating Sources [http://guides.lib.berkeley.edu/evaluating-resources](http://guides.lib.berkeley.edu/evaluating-resources)
- NDSU Center for Writers: Finding and Evaluating Sources [https://www.ndsu.edu/cfwriters=finding_evaluating_sources/](https://www.ndsu.edu/cfwriters=finding_evaluating_sources/)
- NDSU Library: Librarian Consultation Scheduling: [https://library.ndsu.edu/librarian-consultation](https://library.ndsu.edu/librarian-consultation)
- NDSU Library Research Guides: Find articles from databases relevant to your topic [https://library.ndsu.edu/guides](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](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/conducting_research/searching_online/index.html)