

1. Prewriting

Questions to ask yourself

<p>Before writing your paper, think about the issue you want to address. Be sure that the paper carries a strong point and purpose, particularly one that your reader will easily understand..</p>	<p>What is the purpose of my paper? What is the argument of my paper? What is the problem that is posed? What question or issue am I trying to address?</p>
<p>Now that you have a topic and an issue, consider your available resources. In addition to your own thinking, there are several articles and other sources of information to help you analyze your ideas. Consider specific examples and events that help to illustrate your point.</p>	<p>What is my point of view? What are some of my ideas that reach beyond the actual plot of the story or issue? What is the purpose of my writing about this issue? Why is it important?</p>

2. Writing

Questions to ask yourself

<p>Choose specific examples, quotes, or statistics from the your resources. Remember to incorporate your own thinking and conclusion to stand as the main argument behind your writing.</p>	<p>Why is this statement important? What is it saying about my subject matter? Why did I include it in my paper? How does it support my argument?</p>
<p>NEVER assume that your cleverly chosen examples/sources will speak for themselves. ALL examples need your introduction and follow-up commentary.</p>	<p>How is this example/source significant to my paper? Can I expand on it or explain it in more depth? Do ALL my sources have well-developed commentary? Do I introduce ALL my sources so my reader will know where they come from?</p>
<p>Before finishing your rough draft, check the viewpoint of your argument. Make sure you acknowledge the opposing sides of your argument and then identify their weaknesses to further support your point.</p>	<p>Have I researched and considered other points of view and identified their strengths and weaknesses? How are my assumptions shaping my point of view? Should I remedy or better justify those assumptions?</p>