

Writing Research Papers for RBC.

Several documents are included in this package, covering topics related to research and writing. It will save you time if you read them before you start your class work.

As a general rule.

1. Consult your course syllabus. Know clearly what the assignment and requirements are.
2. Check the due date!
3. If you have questions about the assignment as it appears in the syllabus, contact your instructor.

Instructors might have their own requirements with regard to topics and formats. Follow the instructor's requirements. He or she may not require MLA papers or may want you to use a different format.

There are many good Web sites that can help you refine your research and writing. You might want to check out the Owl Purdue Online Writing Lab

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

A couple of additional timesavers.

- Articles found in databases might have links for how to cite the source.
- Many students find www.bibme.org or www.easybib.com useful. You must select the format you want—usually MLA 7 for RBC, and you must register with *bibme*. These free online services will help you find titles and give you correct citations, but they might require you to format by double-spacing and using a hanging indent on the second line.

Suggested order for reading the documents with regard to research and writing.

1. Writing Research Papers at RBC
2. The Research Process
3. Web Research
4. Academic Writing
5. Evaluating Web sites
6. A Thesis Statement
7. Research Paper Format
8. Parenthetical Documentation
9. MLA Works Cited Page, Print Publications
10. MLA Works Cited Page, Print Publication (nonperiodicals)
11. MLA Works Cited Page, Web Publications
12. MLA Works Cited Page, Periodical Print Publications