

Steps in the Research Paper

- I. Pre-Writing Activities: **brainstorming, clustering, freewriting, talking**, etc.
- II. Topic > Focus > **Expository**: Thesis Statement / Supporting Points
- III. Topic > Focus > **Argumentative**: Thesis Statement / Claims/Evidences
- IV. Discussion, Readings, Questioning
- V. **Notes** and note taking;
- VI. **Listing** your ideas and thoughts
- VII. Continue with your readings
- VIII. Rough **Outline**
- IX. Writing your **first draft**
- X. **Revising** your original argument or Thesis Statement and Supporting Points
- XI. **Revising** your original outline
- XII. Sentence, paragraph and essay **revisions**
- XIII. **Writing** your second draft
- XIV. **Cooperative external efforts** (Peer reviews; Other readers)
- XV. Revising and editing again
- XVI. **Final Essay** w/ bibliography and parenthetical citations (MLA or APA)