

7 WRITING TIPS

~FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS~

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY

Before you start writing, ask yourself, "Do I have anything to say about this?" If you do, start writing down what you want to say. Having something to say will significantly improve your writing!

FIND GOOD SOURCES

Look for official reports by government and reputable non-government institutions, research centers, established experts and scholars. Find reliable sources of indisputable facts and peer-reviewed material.

AIM TO CONTRIBUTE

Make an honest effort to contribute ideas that you come up with during your research and analysis of the topic, even if your ideas coincide with someone else's.
You don't have to be original!

WRITE IN PARAGRAPHS

A paragraph is a chance to develop one topic—a point, an idea, an observation, an example, a concept, etc.—in greater detail, with explanations, supporting evidence, analysis, comments, and conclusions.

DO RESEARCH

To write about it, read about it. Assume that there is much to learn about every topic you have to write about. Collect as much data as possible in order to obtain clarity and begin to form ideas.

GENERATE IDEAS

As you are reading, jot down thoughts, impressions, ideas, questions. At least some of those will be worth pursuing further. Zero in on ideas you want to develop in your paper—those about which you have a good amount of knowledge and understanding.

DEVELOP YOUR POINTS

After you make a point, carefully and precisely explain what you mean. Then, present the data that inspired the idea and show your readers the thought process that led from the data to the conclusion.