Top 8 Strategies for Writing Papers

1. Follow the assignment directions. Your instructor does have particular objectives in mind in terms of format and content.


3. Build the argument so that your readers are convinced that your argument is well thought out. Remember that even if you are writing a research paper in Science, the Social Sciences or Management, you are trying to convince readers that your assessment of the situation is valid and that recommendations are workable. Use evidence that is valued in your discipline.

4. Credit your sources of information. (Avoid plagiarizing!) You want the instructor to know that you have found credible sources of information and that you have assessed the material’s merit as it pertains to the topic.

5. Read your work aloud. Does your argument sound convincing? Have you supported your ideas? Do you transition smoothly from one thought to the next?

6. Go to the Writing Centre and discuss your writing with a staff member or tutor. Get insight into how to write more effectively.

7. Proofread your paper.

8. As soon as the paper is handed back, go through the comments so that you can see what the marker had in mind. Go see the marker/instructor if you don’t understand the comments.

Good luck!

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