

Pioneer writing seminar:

The Writing Process*

- A. **Organizing & planning your writing process**
- B. **Outlining your paper**
- C. **Academic integrity & avoiding plagiarism**
- D. **Using citations**
- E. **The revision process**

*Though when exactly these things happen and how long they take will vary from project to project, all good research papers will **go through this process multiple times!**

S Specific	M Measurable	A Achievable	R Relevant	T Time bound
<i>Answer specifics about the goal</i>	<i>How will you measure your goal?</i>	<i>Can you accomplish your goal?</i>	<i>Is this goal worthwhile?</i>	<i>What is the timeline and/or deadline?</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who?• What?• Where?• When?• Which?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concrete evidence• Numbers• Facts• Feelings• Focus on the result, not on time spent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using current resources• Time• Talent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider objective• Why do you want to achieve this goal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create achievable deadlines

How to Start Writing: Outline Your Paper

What Makes a Good Outline? Points to Keep In Mind:

1. ***Begin from the end.*** What do you want the reader to understand by the end of this article? Everything you write should support your objective.
2. ***Your outline is just a guide, not a straightjacket.*** Feel free to reorganize, move sections around, add or delete as you revise your thesis.

Adapted from: <https://libguides.usc.edu/writingguide>

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3. ***Just because it's interesting, doesn't mean it has to be in your paper.***
 - Keep your focus narrow and on point – this is how you write a strong research paper. Not every source/subtopic/quote/note from your source organization worksheet needs to be included in your paper!!
4. ***For a research paper that is 15-20 pages, your outline should be no more than 2-4 pages.***
 - It will be helpful as you are developing your outline to add in which sources you will use where in your paper.

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Key component of academic integrity: any work you say is yours needs to be, in fact, yours

- Academic integrity is about trust and honesty, and **about how you represent yourself as a member of an academic community** (think back to our conversation and to the Mayuri video)
- Using any form of editing, paid or unpaid, in which **another person rewrites or writes ANY part of your paper is cheating and a form of academic dishonesty.**
- This is **absolutely NOT acceptable** for any member of the Pioneer community and will be met with severe consequences.