

College Research Writing Workshop

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Introduction

Many high-school parents and secondary school programs focus on creating a transcript that will give the student every possible advantage during the college application process. While this is understandable, it is essential that today's college-bound student look *beyond* the application process. Before arriving on campus, students must begin to develop the skills that will help them succeed in the college or university environment. These skills include time management, goal-setting, tenacity in the face of disappointment and fatigue, the tools and techniques of scholarly research, and how to write a research paper.

Both the academic community and the business world value the ability to research a topic and produce a persuasive and authoritative paper based on that research. Sadly, most students are unprepared for this challenge. The dreaded research paper assignment strikes fear in the heart of most college students today, and many will spend several years floundering around before they begin to discover (through trial and error) what makes a good research paper. This workshop is designed to help students understand the process and product of the research writing task.

Participants

The ideal participant is either college-bound, or already enrolled in college. He or she already has composition experience (essays, reports, creative writing, or research papers), meets deadlines, possesses good study skills, gives and accepts constructive criticism in a mature manner, and is adventurous enough to try new things.

Requirements

The student is required to:

- Visit a college or university research library between Sessions 2 and 3
- Write a research paper on an assigned topic and submit it by week 4 of the class
- Accept constructive criticism of his/her work as a learning opportunity
- Revise his/her work based on that constructive criticism
- Review and critique the work of others in the class (anonymously)
- Actively participate in the online sessions

Workshop Schedule

Session	Topic	Follow-up Assignment
1	What is a Research Paper? Doing Background Research Developing Your “Dream Bibliography”	Conduct background research on topic Develop a working bibliography Collect information on your research library
2	Refining a Thesis/Question Using a Research Library Organizing Your Research	Visit a research library Collect scholarly resources Conduct in-depth research
3	Research Writing Style Organization of Your Argument What Professors HATE	Conclude research Write first version of paper Submit first version of paper
4	The Editorial Process Revising Proofreading	Critique others’ first versions (anonymously) Continue revision of paper
5	More on Sources The Research Mindset Discussion	Review critiques by other students Conduct additional supporting research Incorporate additional revisions
6	Another Look at The Research Timeline Understanding College Professors “Top 10 Lists”	Complete final version of paper Submit final version of paper

Registration

The cost of the 6-week College Research Writing Workshop is \$149. To request acceptance into our next College Research Writing Workshop, email The Lukeion Project at info@lukeion.org or the instructor at regan@lukeion.org. Please include information on the student’s age, writing experience, target date for entering college, and the name of the research library that the student will be visiting in order to fulfill the requirements of the course.