

The websites below are useful online writing resources covering such topics as style, grammar, formatting, essay structure, citations, research methods, and ESL resources. Our "ESL Resources" link has additional information in that area.

Here are some useful sites:

## **Bibliographies**

### *EndNote Software*

Creates instant bibliographies

Excellent for research papers

30-day free demo available

<http://www.endnote.com>

## **Brainstorming**

-A step-by-step process for brainstorming your topic:

<http://www.urich.edu/~writing/wweb/brainst.html>

-Hints for getting started: <http://www.csuohio.edu/writingcenter/invent.html>

### *Inspiration Software*

Visual concept mapping (for background on concept mapping, go to:

[http://users.edte.utwente.nl/lanzing/cm\\_home.htm](http://users.edte.utwente.nl/lanzing/cm_home.htm))

Useful for brainstorming and group projects

Creates instant outlines

30-day free demo available

<http://www.inspiration.com>

-Guidelines for choosing your topic: <http://classweb.gmu.edu/nccwg/prewri.htm>

## **Developing Your Argument**

Great tips for analyzing the arguments and ways of thinking in other written sources so that you can develop your own argument: <http://www.utoronto.ca/writing/critrdg.html>

## **Dictionaries:**

-For a quick search to look up a definition or find synonyms and antonyms:

<http://www.dictionary.com> (you can also subscribe to the free Word of the Day mailing list to build your vocabulary)

-Substantial list of dictionary links in fields from Business/Government to Religion to Science; plus foreign languages and slang dictionaries. Fantastic!

<http://www.onelook.com/browse.shtml>

## **Editing**

Guidelines for editing your own work, editing a colleague's work, or having a colleague edit your work: <http://www.urich.edu/~writing/wweb/peeredit.html>

## **First Drafts**

-Brief and to the point: <http://web.uvic.ca/wguide/Pages/EssayWritingFirstDraft.html>

-More comprehensive:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/workshops/hypertext/ResearchW/1draft.html>

## **Internet Research**

Guidelines for internet research including how to cite internet sources:

<http://www.erin.utoronto.ca/~w3lib/pub/evaluate/webevalu.htm>

## **Paraphrasing**

-How to paraphrase others without plagiarizing:

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r\\_paraphr.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_paraphr.html)

-To distinguish between quoting, paraphrasing, and summarizing (includes a short sample essay): [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r\\_quotprsum.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_quotprsum.html)

## **Plagiarism**

Excellent guidelines for avoiding plagiarism:

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r\\_plagiar.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_plagiar.html)

## **Quotations**

Roget's thesaurus (searchable) and several links for locating quotes:

<http://www.refdesk.com/factquot.html>

## **Style**

-Strunk's *Elements of Style* is online and searchable: <http://www.bartleby.com/141/>

-Recognize potential problems in your writing style and learn to correct them:

<http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/style.html>

### **Tightening Your Essay**

-Lists the most common problems in writing essays with links to address them:

<http://web.uvic.ca/wguide/Pages/EssaysCommonProbs.html>

### **Transitions**

<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~wricntr/documents/Transitions.html>

### **Using APA (American Psychological Association) Format**

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r\\_apa.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_apa.html)

### **Writing Handouts**

Index of handouts available for writing papers, writing for specific fields, and grammatical issues (e.g., using gender-sensitive language):

<http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/index.html>

### **Writing Process**

-Illustrates the writing process and provides related links:

<http://www.urich.edu/~writing/wweb.html>

-*Paradigm Online Writing Assistant*. Steps and exercises for each phase of the writing process, from figuring out what to write to writing a thesis essay, an informal essay, an argumentative essay, or an exploratory essay: <http://www.powa.org/>

Here are some other useful sites:

Harvard University: [The Writing Center](#)

Purdue University: [Online Writing Lab \(OWL\)](#)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: [The Writers' Workshop](#)

Capital Community Technical College: [Guide to Grammar and Writing](#)

University of Richmond: [Writer's Web](#)

Hanover College: [Writing Manuals and Guides](#)

Hudson Valley Community College: [Grant Writing Resources](#)

Medianet: [Presentation Skills](#)