

Writing Research Papers Week 2: Read all about it! (Research)

Make sure your sources are reliable and credible.

You can use Wikipedia for ideas and to find other sources by looking at the bottom of the page where the sources are cited, or use it to find key words or information that you can use in your own searching.

Websites that have .gov or .edu are more credible.

Authors that have advanced degrees in the topic (master's or doctorate degrees) are generally reliable sources.

Bookmark websites and/or make note of the website along with notes about what information you found there, so you can go back and get the details you need.

Keep an eye out for details that specifically support your main idea and details that support any subordinate ideas you want to talk about.

If you're writing a persuasive paper, research opposing ideas so you can address the concern and argue intelligently.

Use more recent sources for topics that can change like science or medicine.

Find at least 3 or 4 sources and make note of all the bibliography information: author, title, publisher, date, page, website address, name of videos and where they can be found, magazine name, volume and date, etc.