

THE SEVEN DAY RESEARCH PAPER

DAY
1

UNDERSTAND THE ASSIGNMENT & PICK A TOPIC

- Read your syllabus and identify the assignment requirements (format, # of sources, page limit, etc.).
- Do some preliminary research.
- Narrow in on a topic.
- Clarify with your Instructor if needed.

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5

WRITE A FIRST DRAFT

- Following the structure of your outline, expand your ideas into complete sentences and paragraphs.
- Don't worry too much about wording and sentence structure, this step is about getting your ideas down and solidifying the key points of your paper.

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2

FIND CREDIBLE SOURCES & DRAFT A THESIS STATEMENT

- Determine what research question you need to answer through your research.
- Search the Library Catalogue and Ebooks/Articles on the CBC Website.
- Take preliminary notes (cite as you go).
- Draft a thesis based on your research.

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6

REVISE & REWRITE

- This is a crucial step for bringing clarity and overall cohesiveness to your paper.
- Start by reviewing your thesis statement, does it still hold up?
- Look at the structure of your paper, is it logical? Does it make your point?
- Then, get into the nitty gritty, slowly read your paper and edit for sentence structure, transitions, and clarity.

DAY
3

CRITICALLY READ & EVALUATE SOURCES

- Go in depth with research and get rid of any sources that don't seem useful.
- Take detailed notes (cite as you go).
- Record the bibliographic entries for each source you end up using.
- In light of more in depth research, reconfigure your thesis statement if needed.

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7

FINAL EDIT & POLISH

- Finally, check for grammar, spelling, and verb tense! Use spell/grammar check on your word processor, or use Grammarly.
- Read your paper out loud to help you catch mistakes.
- Format your paper by adding a title page, page numbers, and a works cited.
- Double check that you have properly cited ALL your sources.
- Submit your assignment!

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4

DRAFT PAPER LAYOUT WITH RESEARCH NOTES

- With all your research compiled, outline the main sections of your paper.
- Fill in the outline with your research notes (make sure these notes include citations).
- If there are any sections that seem lacking, conduct additional research to fill in the gaps.

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