

Helpful Resources

How to write a research paper?

The Purdue University Online Writing lab (OWL) offers several links to help students in writing a research paper.

APA Formatting and Style Guide

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

MLA Formatting and Style Guide

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

Avoiding Plagiarism

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/>

Evaluating a Web Page

There's lots of good information on the Internet, but you will also find opinions, misconceptions, and inaccurate information. How do you judge the quality of Internet resources? The following links provide techniques and checklist for evaluating the validity of a web page.

Evaluating Web Pages: Techniques to Apply & Questions to Ask

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html>

The Quality Information Checklist

<http://aam.hct.ac.ae/aam/library/semester%202/org.uk/menu.htm>

Information Literacy

Information Literacy is the ability to identify what information is needed, understand how the information is organized, identify the best sources of information for a given need, locate those sources, evaluate the sources critically, and share that information. These skills are used for academic purposes, such as research papers and group presentations. The University of Idaho offers an online tutorial to help differentiate between “popular vs. scholarly” or “primary vs. secondary” sources.

http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/info_literacy/modules/module1/1_0.htm