

Research Notes

Number and Variety of Sources: You must take notes from at least five different sources (among them must be at least one book, one article and one web site). The number of notes from each source may fluctuate depending on the kind of information. For example, one of your sources may only have a few statistics or even one nice quote and little else. As long as you have other sources with more notes you are fine. Also, please make sure that you get helpful information from a variety of sources. This paper is not a book report so your research will be insufficient if you are constantly citing from only one source.

Structure of the Notes: The notes from each source should be stapled and kept separate from the other notes. Do not staple all of your notes together or take notes from multiple sources on the same page. At the top of each packet, write down the bibliographic information so that it is readily available when you are writing your paper. When you are writing the notes, make sure that you use quotation marks when you are quoting the text so that you know whether or not you need to use quotation marks when you are writing the paper. This is a very important step in avoiding accidental plagiarism. Make sure to include a page number if available after each note entry. Also, categorize your notes in the left margin so that you can find what you're looking for while you are writing your paper. For example, if you are taking notes about the Watts Riots you may want to write "violence" in the margin to help you find it later.

Joe Student	Expert, John Q. <u>The Research Paper: Knowing How to Write a Research Paper Will One Day</u>
Mr. Teacher	<u>Save Your Life</u> . New York: ABC Publishing Company, 2008. Print.
US History P. 3	
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College	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sixty three percent of all college freshman regretted not trying harder on their US History research paper (Adams 13).▪ Suzie C. College-Student said that "not knowing how to parenthetically cite my sources ruined my life" (31).▪ Bobby L. Senior claimed that "I got at least 4 dates my freshman year just because of my extensive knowledge of the MLA format" (49).
Careers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Knowing how to write intelligently and accurately is essential for most high paying and high-interest jobs ("Finding a Job" 71-72).▪ Of the Fortune 500 CEOs, 72% of them argued that the number one thing they look for in an employee is the ability to write a research document using multiple sources (Garcia 75).

Rubric:

45-50 points	A sufficient number of notes are taken from at least 5 sources, and of those there are at least 3 different types. Each set of notes uses the proper format.
40-44 points	Notes are taken from 4 or 5 sources, and of those there are at least 3 different types. Most of the sets use proper format and /or most of the sets have a sufficient number of notes.
35-39 points	Notes are taken from 3 sources, and of those there are at least 2 or 3 different types. Most of the sets use proper format and /or most of the sets have a sufficient number of notes.
30-34 points	Notes are taken from 2 or 3 sources, and of those there are at least 2 or 3 different types. Some of them are in proper form.
1-29 points	Notes are taken from 1 or 2 sources. The format may or may not be correct.