

**Research Writing Workbook**

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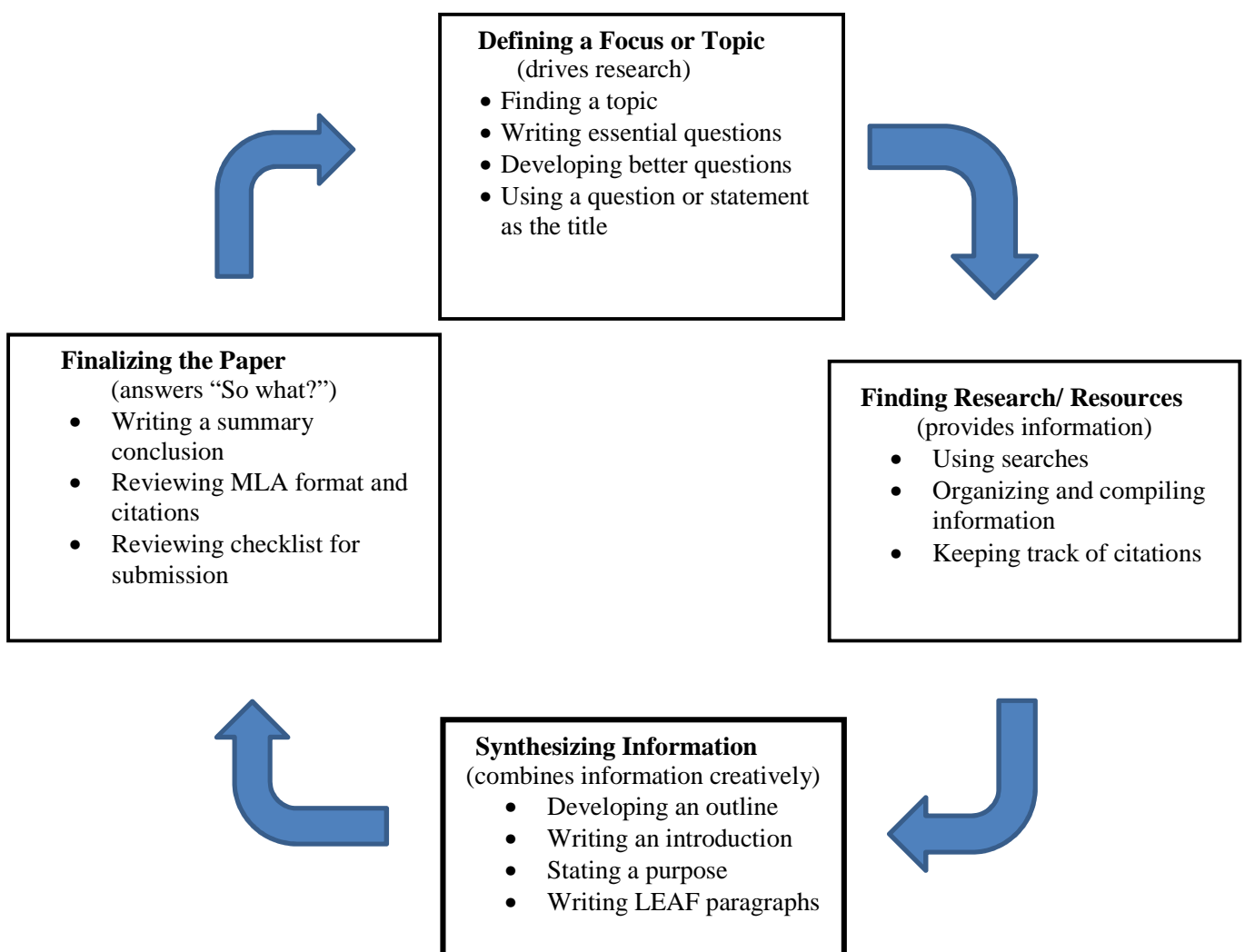
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**As a result of following the research process, students should have:**

- essential question(s) or thesis statement
- an outline that follows the essential question(s) or the main points that support the thesis statement
- an organized page of essential questions and resources (citations) that provide evidence to support main points
- one or more drafts of the paper, following the outline of essential questions or main points, using LEAF paragraphs
- a final paper with citations
- a work cited bibliography

## Elements of Research Writing



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## Defining a Focus/Topic

Examples of topic area and particular aspects of a topic area

Topic	Brainstorm interesting aspects of that topic area

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## Defining a Focus/Topic

### Writing essential questions and developing better questions

<b>Initial Questions often ask what or how (process)</b>		<b>Developed Questions might:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• examine the context</li><li>• assess the consequences or impact</li><li>• compare two conditions or states</li></ul>

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## Defining a Focus/Topic

### Using a Question or Statement as the Title of the Paper

Using a Question as the Title	Using a Statement as a Title

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## Finding Research and Resources

### Research Process: Gathering & Keeping Track of Information

Complete the outline for sources that you may use in your research essay.

#### Essential Research Question #1:

**Identify Sources: Provide titles and authors and paste links. Write a short summary of what information this source provides for your topic (50 words max.) Numbering these makes it easy for referencing in your notes or drafts.**

#### Essential Research Question #2:

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### Essential Research Question #3:

**Identify Sources:** Provide titles and authors and paste links. Write a short summary of what information this source provides for your topic (50 words max.) Numbering these makes it easy for referencing in your notes or drafts.

### Essential Research Essential Research Question #4:

**Identify Sources:** Provide titles and authors and paste links. Write a short summary of what information this source provides for your topic (50 words max.) Numbering these makes it easy for referencing in your notes or drafts.

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### Essential Research Question #5

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## **Finding Research and Resources**

### **Keeping track of citations**

Use Peter's citation page

**Put author date title link and simple summary.**

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## **Format 1: Resource Tracking Sources**

This is a simple format that uses the Essential Question outline as the organizing structure for keeping track of sources. You could also organize this format according to main points in your paper.

Example:

<p><b>Essential Research Question #1:</b></p>
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<p>Write a few sentences about this resource</p>
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<p>Write the complete citation for this resource</p>
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<p><b>Essential Research Question #2:</b></p>
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<p>Write a few sentences about this resource</p>
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<p>Write the complete citation for this resource</p>
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<p><b>Essential Research Question #3:</b></p>
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<p>Write a few sentences about this resource</p>
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<p>Write the complete citation for this resource</p>
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<p><b>Essential Research Question #4:</b></p>
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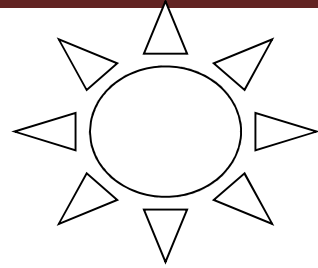
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## Synthesizing Information (actual writing part)



### Developing an outline

#### I. Introduction

A. Possible hook (a quotation, statistic, etc.)

B. **Thesis & Organizer:** This is the overall purpose of your research paper and the essential questions that you will be answering.

C. **Thesis:**

D. **Organizer:**

#### II. Body Paragraphs

A. 1<sup>st</sup> Essential Research

Question: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

i. **Supporting Evidence:**

ii. **Analysis:**

B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Essential Research Question: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

i. **Supporting Evidence:**

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**ii. Analysis:**

**C. 3rd Essential Research Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**i. Supporting Evidence:**

**ii. Analysis:**

**D. 4th Essential Research Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**i. Supporting Evidence:**

**ii. Analysis:**

**III. Conclusion. In this final paragraph you will restate and extend your purpose.**  
Jot down 3-5 ideas that could possibly be used in your conclusion.

## **IV. Work Cited Bibliography**

Use organizing tools to track resources and citations. (See Finding Research/Resources section.)

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### Synthesizing Information (actual writing part)

#### Writing LEAF paragraphs

This format is designed to help organize paragraphs.

<b>L</b> is Lead.	This is the essential question or main point.	
<b>E</b> is evidence	What supports or disagrees with your main point? What answers the question?	
<b>A</b> is analysis	Why is this evidence significant? How does this evidence matter?	
<b>F</b> is Finisher	This sentence is a summary statement, a bridge or connector to the next paragraph, or a transition to the next main point.	

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