

## Getting Started on Your Research Paper

<b>Ask Yourself...</b>	<b>Answer/ Notes</b>
Who is the professor?	
What class is this for?	
What is the assignment?	
Is there a page limit/ requirement?	
How many working resources are required?	
How many quoted resources are required?	
What format is required for the paper? (MLA, APA, Chicago/Turabian)	
Are there any special instructions?	
<b>Select a topic:</b>	
<b>Write a working thesis:</b>	

# Research Paper Checklist

What Needs to be Done	Complete by:
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan and set deadlines	
<input type="checkbox"/> Choose and narrow the topic.  <input type="checkbox"/> Use Clustering, Listing, and/or Freewriting)  <input type="checkbox"/> Write a working thesis: one sentence that states the main idea. (A working thesis may change as you do more research)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Find Sources	
<input type="checkbox"/> Take Notes, use tabs, or make photocopies (use direct quotations, paraphrases, and/or summaries)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cite sources and write the works cited page	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write a Thesis Statement	
<input type="checkbox"/> Organize (Outlining)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write the first draft	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wait	
<input type="checkbox"/> Work on Revisions/ Visit Communications Lab	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proofread Paper	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turn in Masterpiece	