



THE RESEARCH PAPER PLAYBOOK

- 1 ACCESS LIBRARY RESOURCES**

Familiarize yourself with library catalogues and databases. Access them on-campus or set up a proxy server/VPN on your off-campus computer using these instructions: <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/using-the-libraries/vpn>
- 2 TALK TO A LIBRARIAN**

For help refining and focusing your search, schedule time to meet with a resource librarian in-person, or use the 24/7 library resource help chat feature for answers to research questions at any hour here: <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/>
- 3 MANAGE YOUR CITATIONS**

RefWorks and Zotero automatically generate citations in multiple styles. They are free tools available through the UCB Library website. To track and save online resources, try the Dilgo Web Collector.
- 4 USE OFFICE HOURS**

Develop your ideas, get feedback on an outline, and get suggestions for resource by attending office hours. Clarify any questions relating to citations or plagiarism while you're there.
- 5 VISIT THE SLC**

The Student Learning Center offers drop-in writing tutoring and appointments. Peer tutors will help you develop your argument and improve your writing.
- 6 TALK IT OUT**

If it helps you start, instead of writing use voice-recognition to compose your ideas. In Google Docs, use the Voice Typing function under your Tools menu.