

English 105i, Day #12:

Write. Rewrite. When not writing or rewriting, read. I know of no shortcuts."

—Larry L. King

Be curious.

-Katherine Johnson

1. Attendance
 - a. Check-in App
2. Group work dynamic has been poor with LOTS of complaints
 - a. I don't see even distribution of workload in DB yet almost all groups claiming EVEN workload.
 - b. I've had lots of complaints about kids being out of contact.
 - i. NOT OK!
3. **Reflection:** What have you learned about HOW to begin a college-level paper?
 - a. Essentially 5 steps
 - i. Posit
 - ii. Read, re-posit, re-read
 - iii. Name an introductory concept
 - iv. Skeleton Roadmap your argument
 - v. Write the intro paragraph
4. Who can see that, even if you can build a causal paragraph from a skeleton roadmap, if assigned a 5-page paper next semester, you would need 7-12 years to finish it?
5. Let's learn a writing shortcut w/o cheating where you actually LEARN more and avoid writer's block. E.g., "the advent of the calculator, algebra II, and ChatGPT"

The Steps:

Step # 1: Keep the following items OPEN throughout the entire writing process:

- Open up: Dropbox-- <https://www.dropbox.com/home>
- Open up: Chrome, Safari, Firefox, or Internet Explorer:
- Open up: Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical_cannabis
- Open up: UNC Google Scholar: <http://library.unc.edu/find/googlescholar/>

Step #1.25: Create a new folder in Dropbox to store and organize info as you find it:

<https://www.dropbox.com/home>

Step #1.5: Understand the genre delta b/t "research" (i.e., data collecting/crunching) and "lit review" (i.e. story-telling through context building, analyses, + relevant implications (i.e., defining morals or "so what") .

Step #1.75: Think of your 7–10-page paper, not as an argument, but rather, **a story** with 7-10 subplots.

*So, how do I create an **easy roadmap** to detail the subplots w/in my “story”?

Step #2: Ask yourself: Where can I learn everything I need to know about my topic in an “academic”, organized, and **factual** way – that won’t force me to **read 14 books and 22 articles** and is written in simple English? Perhaps the Google? **I don’t think so...**

Step #3: Go to Wikipedia – WAIT, I thought Wikipedia was BAD—no?

Wikipedia research study findings.

Step #3.5 From Wikipedia, type in your topic and **READ SLOWLY and CLOSELY, learning the nomenclature, and** discovering **WYDKYDK**. Be sure to click around and **lose yourself for an hour**.

Ex. **Medical marijuana:**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical_cannabis

Step #4: Avoid Cluelessness. In **simple English**, read the Wikipedia articles and make a **list of “nomenclature”** – then, **look up the nomenclature by clicking around Wikipedia**.

Step 4.5: Go to the Wikipedia “contents” box and take note of the headings. Now, think about the class you are taking. In our example, let’s pretend we’re in a “**Medical Ethics**” class – e.g., **Philosophy 215** and we’re studying drug legalization. For that class, pick 7 headings (for a 7-page paper) that would be relevant “sub-topics” for that course. Put them into a logical order that forms a “**STORY**”. First, consider your audience and the story (s)he (i.e., your Prof) might want to hear. So, for a course on “**Medical Ethics**,” Example: **Philosophy 215** these “sub-topics” might include:

- **History** (i.e., context for criminalization) of Medical Marijuana
- **Research** on Medical Marijuana
- **Pharmacology** of Medical Marijuana
- **Adverse Effects** of Medical Marijuana
- **Medical Uses** of Medical Marijuana
- **Obstacles to Legalization** with Medical Marijuana
- **Implications** (i.e., Economic, Psycho-social, environmental, political (consider the class you’re in) — Implications is **always** your last category-why?). **B/C stories end with “so what” morals...**

***By simply using these wiki headings, can you see the “Story” unfolding here?**

Step #5: How do I start to fill up the paper? Copy/Paste each wiki – topic into a word file (**see Dropbox example**): ONE topic per page. You will write a “**1-page paper**” per topic. Think of this assignment from your prof as 7 short, 1-page papers; each on its own **sub-topic** – we’ll learn how to “connect” the short papers later as a **linear roadmap**. **This is your ENTIRE roadmap skeleton**. Can you see that your story already has a **basic roadmap from the wiki headings**? This is how your paper will stay focused and on track w/o any real pain. You’ll build the content systematically... one citation at a time...

Step #6: With **each** of your Wikipedia-headings, go to “**UNC Google Scholar**.” Anyone know what this is?

<http://library.unc.edu/find/googlescholar/>

- i. To get “full-text, searchable, and free” articles/books, you **MUST** be connected to the UNC server or, off campus, tunnel through the “VPN Client (Cisco Any Connect)” – download here: <http://software.sites.unc.edu/shareware/#v>
- ii. From Google Scholar, start with your first sub-topic above. –i.e. “**history of medical marijuana**” –type it in.

- iii. Quick 2-page scan for obviously good title combined with “most widely cited”. Use articles ONLY, available as FULL Text. “[Who are medical marijuana patients?](#)”
- iv. Open article—full .pdf text. Skip to a section titled: “discussion” or “results” or “findings”. Find quick citation. VERY important—read this 1 paragraph slowly. This is where you actually learn about the topic in simple English. These 2-3 sentences tell you everything you need to know about the article. This is an editorial requirement of published work! Don’t feel guilty, pros do this too. If really interesting, read the whole thing later.

Copy/Paste this quote into your word file under header #1 in DROPBOX.

““The diffusion of marijuana as a medicine may have been slower than that of other medicines in conventional clinical practice because the flow of information from physician to patient is impeded by MM’s ambiguous legal status.” –pg 133. (note this is NOT page 1 or ix).

Step #7: Grab the “cite” button relevant to your course (MLA, APA, Chicago) and paste the citation below the quote. *Be sure to also copy the exact page number where the quote is from.

Reinarman, Craig, et al. "Who are medical marijuana patients? Population characteristics from nine California assessment clinics." *Journal of psychoactive drugs* 43.2 (2011): 128-135.

*How do you know the first thing that came up is a good citation?

Cut and paste new citations until you have **15-20 quotes per page** for total # of pages assigned. ONLY focus on one thing at a time. You’re just collecting quotes under each of your 7 “Wikipedia headings.” Do not overthink the quote – just grab what looks good and you’ll create flow later.

*What if it’s a great article but you don’t want every citation in your paper from ONE author?

Step #8: Go back to article #1. i.e., Reinarman’s “[Who are medical marijuana patients?](#)”

You can now use Reinarman’s bibliography to find other titles –just copy/paste any citation into scholar.

Or, if you like Reinarman, do an author search:

https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=search_authors

*You can also use: “related searches” “related articles”

*It will take some practice to get good at this. Once you do, you can do 1-2 citations every 2 minutes.

Step #9: Cut and paste new citations until you have **15-20 quotes per page** for total # of pages assigned. ONLY focus on one thing at a time. You’re just collecting quotes under each of your 7 “Wikipedia headings.”

At this juncture, you know 2 important points:

1. You’ve found the best articles that your prof will recognize while other kids in the class just googled stuff.
2. Your articles are ALL related to your wiki headings and therefore your paper will stay on topic!

- **Old Student Example (study this for HW):** TOPIC: **Psycho-Social Implications of Anorexia:** This example also shows how the student turned the quote into their own words but, for now, don't worry about having to do that step. http://www.bradleyhammer.com/105i/lit_review_roadmap_examples/example1.pdf

Step #10: Spend 3 minutes on your story's, page #1 "ordering" the quotes to make sure they make sense as a cohesive "story"—This is now your **complete "roadmap" for 1-page of paper #1.** You'll never go off-topic again... Follow this strategy for all 7 headings and the infrastructure for the entire paper is now down, on paper. Once you've done your **pre-reading** in Wikipedia and learned the basic nomenclature in simple English, this work should take about 25 minutes for a 7-page paper. First time you try it might take 6 hours... Just FYI! Typically, to get down to 25 minutes, it's taken my students 4-5 papers. Then, you only get faster and faster.

Another Old Student Example: LINK - [Herd Immunity](#):

All you need now is a quick way to turn the quotations into complete sentences **W/O PLAGIARIZING** (see example 1 above if you want to get ahead). In an upcoming class, we'll learn how to do this VERY rapidly by creating signa-phrased sentences. Your paper is now 1/3 written and **COMPLETELY** road-mapped. This should take about 25 minutes once you've written 4- 5 papers.

Any hard steps yet? Do you see that you have a road-mapped and academic (i.e., "well-cited") and linear paper? Again, **be SURE to put the quotes in the order of a story.** This will cost you some time but **save you tons of work later!** Again, you'll get good at this after a few papers. You'll prove this on midterm #2 where I'll give you 2 hours to write a 5-7 page paper at A+ quality: Also, as you do this step, **keep reading EXTENSIVELY in Wikipedia.** That is, every new word of nomenclature you learn that's associated with your topic from the **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION SECTIONS**, paste into Wikipedia and read. Add it to your nomenclature list too! Doing this reading in Wikipedia will make the **article summaries** MUCH easier to understand and collect. If you don't do this reading and collect your nomenclature list then good luck finding good quotes in a reasonable amount of time. Also, **it will make it INFINITELY easier to turn these citations into "signal-phrased" sentences** later. Again, the first time you do this, **it will take hours.** By mid-sophomore year, you'll be cruising if you keep practicing.

Homework: This should take **several** hours. **I'm sorry, no way around it.** Once you get good at this, it will go **MUCH quicker**, and you'll get each page of the paper done in under 10 minutes. **Spend time now to save endless writing time later.**

Go through the **first 10 steps** (see above) of writing a lit review paper using **your chosen topic (or a new one from my list):** See list: http://www.bradleyhammer.com/105i/new_paper_topics.pdf Work in Groups or alone but – do NOT divide and conquer. Work together. **Do it EXACTLY and ONLY this way! TRUST ME!**

1. See below for old student examples of HW -

- **Start here:** Alone or w/a partner(s), read **SLOWLY** the Wikipedia article(s) related to your topic to avoid cluelessness and to **learn the background and nomenclature.** Click on interesting links and read to discover. **YOU'RE DONE READING WHEN YOU OWN THE TOPIC** by finding an **"intro concept".** Be sure to read 10-15 Wikipedia articles BEFORE you begin your UNC-Google SCHOLAR SEARCH.
- **While doing your Wikipedia reading, make a list of key words and key topics from the reading and "contents" boxes.** This is your "nomenclature" list and will serve as your **"search terms"** in UNC-Google SCHOLAR.
- Create a Dropbox sub-Folder, a new file for your paper, and #of page breaks to correspond to the assigned paper length.

- Find and COPY into your paper **F15v Wiki**-Headings from Wikipedia for a 5-page paper. Be sure the last section is ALWAYS “**implications**” i.e., “**Moral**”—for the (imagined) course you’re taking.
 - Order the headings into a story. Paste one per page into your .doc—Do NOT rush through this. Make sure each heading follows the prior like a good linear story.
 - Now that you know the basic nomenclature surrounding the topic, do 1-2 hours of “lit review” on your topic and collect quotes for your paper using **ONLY UNC-Google Scholar**:
<http://library.unc.edu/find/googlescholar/> -- If you’re having trouble with your search, find **just one good article** and then use its bibliography to find more. Consider also doing an author search in **UNC-Google Scholar**. Or, click on -- “**related searches**” “**related articles**”
 - After the hour, continue your search collecting quotes for your paper using jstore, ProQuest or EBSCO – To access these search engines, see links above or on the **UNC Library Website**.
<https://guides.lib.unc.edu/sb.php>
 - Within the articles you find, read just enough online “**summaries**,” “**findings**” and “**results**” sections to avoid “**cluelessness**.”
 - Paste 20-22 quotes per page (with their **APA, Chicago, or MLA citations**)—You’ll find that you won’t need all these quotes later... Easier to cut than to find more... This is also good practice for quote-searching. Remember, if you don’t know the basic nomenclature, you won’t be able to find and understand good quotes so read EXHAUSTIVELY in Wikipedia first!! Do NOT skip this step or do it half-effort!
 - On each page, order the quotes into a story-**THIS IS THE MOST IMPORANT STEP**. If you have no story, you (and your reader) are lost, and it won’t flow like a causal roadmap. This is where all the writing pain comes from—i.e., from NOT knowing your story. **If you don’t take the time to order the quotes, you’ll suffer needlessly later**. Take this step **really, really seriously!!**
2. Get 7 pages done – i.e., fill 7 pages of a paper with 20-22 citations on each page. Do NOT overthink these – just grab and paste them.
 3. Order the citations into a linear/causal story.
 - Your paper is now 1/3 written and **100% “road-mapped”**.

If you want, look at [a sample student roadmap](#) from a prior semester.