

Getting Started

Whether you are just getting started or you feel hopelessly stuck, these links will guide you through the first steps of the writing process.

- **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:** These handouts will help you understand how to analyze your assignment and how to prepare ideas from what you read
 - ["Tips on Approaching Assignments"](#)
 - ["Reading Toward Writing"](#)
- **[Purdue OWL](#)**
 - Look under the **Writing Process** section. The segments labeled "Creating a Thesis Statement," "Developing an Outline," and "Prewriting" are especially helpful
 - Also check out: ["Starting the Writing Process"](#)
 - **If you are stuck**, look at ["Writer's Block/Writer's Anxiety"](#)
 - **If you want to know what an essay should be**, look at ["Essay Writing"](#)