

# Essay Writing Cheat Sheet

## Planning & Outlining

- Comprehensive guide to outlining by the Purdue OWL: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/engagement/2/2/55/>
- Seattle University Writing Center's resource on outlining: <http://www.seattleu.edu/uploadedFiles/WritingCenter/Outlining%20FINAL.pdf>
- University of Maryland's guide to prewriting and outlining: [https://www.umuc.edu/writingcenter/writingresources/prewriting\\_outlining.cfm](https://www.umuc.edu/writingcenter/writingresources/prewriting_outlining.cfm)

## Introductions

- Awesome guide to introductions from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill Writing Center: <http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/introductions/>
- Another good guide with lots of good examples from Illinois Valley Community College: <http://www2.ivcc.edu/rambo/eng1001/introductions.htm>
- A more traditional guide to writing both introductions and conclusions from Gallaudet University: [http://www.gallaudet.edu/tip/english\\_center/writing/guide\\_to\\_writing\\_introductions\\_and\\_conclusions.html](http://www.gallaudet.edu/tip/english_center/writing/guide_to_writing_introductions_and_conclusions.html)

## Tips for the Meat of the Essay (and Essay-Writing Tips in General)

- Amazingly useful catalog of tips from Harvard's Writing Center: <http://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu/pages/strategies-essay-writing>
- Tips for taking essay-based exams: <https://depts.washington.edu/pswrite/essayex.html>
- One of the best resources on essay writing out there (Purdue OWL): <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/685/1/>

## Research Tips

- Great, in-depth tips from the University of Buffalo library: <http://library.buffalo.edu/help/research-tips/>
- A similar guide from the University of Wisconsin-Madison: <https://www.library.wisc.edu/help/research-tips-tricks/>
- Advanced research tips from the Purdue OWL: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/552/01/>

## Conclusions

- A very informational write-up on ending the essay developed by Harvard's Writing Center: <http://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu/pages/ending-essay-conclusions>
- Good list of examples of conclusions: [http://writefix.com/?page\\_id=1591](http://writefix.com/?page_id=1591)

- A more detailed guide about the inner machinery of a good conclusion from the UNC Writing Center: <http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/conclusions/>
- Another good list of examples from Cumbria: <http://www.cumbria.ac.uk/public/liss/documents/skillsatcumbria/writingconclusions.pdf>
- Short (but good) guide from Massey University: <http://owll.massey.ac.nz/assignment-types/essay-conclusion.php>

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