Sourcework: Academic Writing From Sources
Synopsis

Sourcework helps students work from outside sources and guides them through the challenging terrain of their first academic research papers. Students master all the skills necessary to support their own ideas: note-taking from readings, analyzing information, outlining structures, creating thesis statements, authoring introductions and conclusions, and writing and refining drafts. At each stage, students learn how to document evidence, integrate references, paraphrase, synthesize, and summarize.

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Customer Reviews

I have been using this book in my Grade 12 ESL English class and for my regular Grade 12 English class at our local college for five years now. It is an amazing step-by-step guide to writing a research/term paper. The book has two sections: Part One leads students through each stage by teaching the skill, practicing the skill in a variety of interesting exercises, and taking that step in their own paper (the final product of the text/course). The final chapter in Part One is an overview to guide students through future papers. Part Two: The authors have gathered articles for three general themes (Risk for Change, Globalization, and New Technology). They introduce the theme via activities and develop students’ depth of thinking through the articles. Usually academic journal articles are very difficult for students to read. These are more readable, very intriguing and a good start to doing research. Finally, a list of research questions based on the articles are presented. Most of my students choose to create their own research questions based on the theme we study
and add research from sources outside the book. I find the themes lend themselves to a very broad range of specific topics. Special features: Excellent explanation and practice of paraphrasing and paraphrasing challenges. Clear and user-friendly plans for integrating research into the student’s own original ideas about the topic. Grammatically explicit examples of how to include evidence into writing. Excellent process to make research painless and efficient. All of my students tell me that they won’t give this book away until they have finished college/university. They love how clear each step is and what a super paper they are able to write.

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