How to Start a Research Paper Following the APA Style

- Narrow down the topic / It’s easier if you ask yourself a question.
- Do pre-reading and go to the library for sources.
- Do a preliminary outline.
- Do the bibliography cards by referring to the reference page handout.
- Do the note cards:
  
  Write the summary, paraphrase or quotation on the note card without forgetting to cite or do in text documentation.

- Write the thesis statement and formal outline.
- Write the reference page in alphabetical order following the first word of each reference.
- Write and type the first draft.
  It should include:
  a) Title page.
  b) Formal outline.
  c) Introduction, body and conclusion where all the information of the note cards must be documented.
  d) Reference Page.
  e) Pagination on the right hand side of each paper starting with the outline page e.g. (Pollution 1).
- After you receive your first draft with the professor’s comments, work on the final draft.

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