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# The Curious Researcher: A Guide To Writing Research Papers (8th Edition)



## **Synopsis**

For courses in Research Writing, Documentation Writing, and Advanced Composition. Featuring an engaging, direct writing style and inquiry-based approach, *The Curious Researcher: A Guide to Writing Research Papers* emphasizes that curiosity is the best reason for investigating ideas and information. An appealing alternative to traditional research texts, this popular research guide stands apart for its motivational tone, its conversational style, and its conviction that research writing can be full of rewarding discoveries. Offering a wide variety of examples from student and professional writers, this popular guide shows that good research and lively writing do not have to be mutually exclusive. Students are encouraged to find ways to bring their writing to life, even though they are writing with facts. A unique chronological organization sets up achievable writing goals while it provides week-by-week guidance through the research process. Full explanations of the technical aspects of writing and documenting source-based papers help students develop sound research and analysis skills. The text also includes up-to-date coverage of MLA and APA styles.

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This book is extremely helpful for writing a research paper. It gives you tips on how to brainstorm, research, and write the paper. I wish I had been told to read this earlier in my college career! Pretty useful for when you're stuck on your research paper, or just to make you a better writer overall.

Such a helpful book for a college student, and anyone else for that matter, attempting to write a

research paper. Lots of tips, tricks, and advice from an intelligent professor. The best part for me was all of the APA/MLA requirements in the back.

Book arrived in perfect condition! I used this for a English Composition II class and it was really helpful. Throughout the course we focused on what was wrong with the research paper, and Ballenger really does a great job on breaking down into smaller components. Extremely easy to understand the concepts he talks about such as The Double Entry Notebook, and was tremendous help in crafting my own research paper for the class.

Needed for college English class but upon looking through it, it's obvious this book is more for high school kids. I will most likely leave it to collect dust on my desk and open it about 2 times during the semester. Also ordered new but it arrived very banged up anyway, keep that in mind if you order.

Ugh, I think the book is magnificent, but the tall nature of the orientation just does not bode well with my monitor. It's really hard to read on my computer screen.

This is one of the best books I've found for teaching research paper skills. I'm probably going to use it again in the future.

This was a required book for a Freshman English course I had in college. Honestly I opened it twice, if you've never written a paper before it's probably a great book. But I found it extremely redundant and dull.

I had to rent this book for my college writing class and I can honestly say it was a waste of money. The whole process behind researching and developing a paper is extremely redundant and remedial. I would think that this might be a book for a high school or middle school classroom but has no place in a college classroom. The examples and exercises given made me feel like I was in elementary school, for instance the exercise about talking to your imaginary friend called "Dave" about what you're writing, it was a bit childlike. Another good example is when the book talks about how to use quotations and the names that Ballenger gives to each scenario are again childlike and colloquial at best, for example "quote burgers"; "breadless sandwich"; "kitchen sink"; or "plop and drop." While you may think that the names are self-explanatory there were many people in my class that were wondering what a "kitchen sink" quote is because it's derived from idiomatic phrase.

Anyway, don't buy this book unless it's mandatory for your class and even then try to go to another class because dealing with this book and its content will be a waste of your time.

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