

Planning the Research Paper

Step One: In order to start your research paper, you need to understand your potential sources—the articles in the chapter “Money and Success” in the text *Rereading America*. Using your notes and knowledge, you and your group are to discuss all 11 articles and decide what the main idea for the article is and what topics are covered.

Article Title _____

Main Point _____

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Step Two: Find your interests from the chapter.

Topics covered in the "Money and Success" chapter of *Rereading America* that interest me most

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Step Three: Begin organizing for one particular topic (keep the other topics in mind in case you cannot find sufficient research for the topic you are most interested in).

Topic most interested in

Working Thesis Statement: Write a thesis statement that is arguable that will help you begin research for your paper. You will be able to add points and modify the statement, but you need a direction for your research. The working thesis statement will provide that. (Example: The misuse of technology in George Orwell's *1984* mirrors the level of monitoring and surveillance that exists in the United States today.)

Subtopics: In order to plan your essay, you need to develop subtopics that will prove your argument. For example, if you were doing a paper on gender discrimination, you might wish to discuss gender stereotypes, gender's role in career opportunities, and specific gender legislation. These would all be subcategories for your paper.

Subtopic 1

Subtopic 2

Subtopic 3

Subtopic 4

Subtopic 5

Step Four: Research

Potential Sources: List the articles from *Rereading America* that could be used to support your argument.

Source 1

Source 2

Further Research: List topics you will have to research in order to fully support your point of view.

Topic 1

Topic 2

Topic 3

Topic 4

Topic 5
