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This area of the Excelsior College Online Writing Lab takes you through the process of writing a paper using sources. To show you how you might approach each step of the research writing process, I am going to take you through each of the steps with my own research paper assignment.

I will begin by sharing my formal assignment sheet, which you can see here. You will then see a series of video casts, one for each step, as I develop my own research paper.

Following each video, you will be asked to then take your turn with that step of the process using your own assignment.

I will begin our journey with my assignment sheet here. Before I begin writing, I am going to highlight a few key components for me to consider.

I see I get to choose my topic based on my major. I am an education major, so I will want to choose a topic related to education. That certainly gives me a lot of flexibility.

I must choose some kind of issue, so that forces me to narrow a little bit. I will need to think of some kind of controversial issue related to education.

I see my paper should be thesis based, 4-6 pages long, and I need five sources.

My audience has been identified as academic, so that is something I will need to keep in mind.

I see I am supposed to support my claims and address counter claims. That is definitely where my source material will help me.

And I will be using APA format for my paper, since that is what I have used in my education classes.

So this is my assignment, and the requirements I will keep in mind as I begin my process.