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Argument & Audience:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/argument-and-critical-thinking/argument-and-audience/
Audience:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/assignment-analysis/assignment-analysis-audience/
Audience Analysis:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/argument-and-critical-thinking/argument-and-audience/argument-and-audience-audience-analysis/
Audience Awareness:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-process/audience-awareness/
Offending an Audience:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/argument-and-critical-thinking/argument-and-audience/argument-and-audience-offending-an-audience/
Writing for Your Audience:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-process/audience-awareness/audience-awareness-writing-for-your-audience/

Citations & Documentation

APA Style:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/citation-and-documentation/apa-style/
Chicago Style:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/citation-and-documentation/chicago-style/
Citations:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/esl-wow/developing-your-ideas/using-others-ideas/esl-citations/
Citations & Documentation:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/citation-and-documentation/
Common Knowledge & Plagiarism:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/plagiarism/plagiarism-how-to-avoid-it/plagiarism-common-knowledge/
Evaluating Sources: Documentation:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/evaluating-sources/evaluating-sources-documentation/



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Quoting Sources:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/punctuation/quotation-marks/quotation-marks-quoting-sources/
Using Others' Ideas:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/esl-wow/developing-your-ideas/using-others-ideas/
Written Communication VALUE Rubric:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/educator-resources/rubric/

Developing a Thesis Statement

Argumentative Thesis:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/argument-and-critical-thinking/argumentative-thesis/
Argumentative Thesis Overview:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/argument-and-critical-thinking/argumentative-thesis/argumentative-thesis-overview/
Checklist for a Thesis Statement:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/esl-wow/getting-ready-to-write/developing-a-thesis/esl-checklist-for-a-thesis-statement/
Common Problems:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-process/thesis-sentence/thesis-sentence-common-problems/
Developing a Thesis:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/esl-wow/getting-ready-to-write/developing-a-thesis/
Implying Your Thesis:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/thesis-or-focus/thesis-or-focus-implying-your-thesis/
Judging Thesis Statements:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/esl-wow/getting-ready-to-write/developing-a-thesis/esl-judging-thesis-statements/
Paragraphing Meal Plan:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/drafting-and-integrating/drafting-and-integrating-paragraphing/
Parts of a Thesis Sentence:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-process/thesis-sentence/



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Thesis and Focus:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/thesis-or-focus/
Thesis Angles:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-process/thesis-sentence/thesis-sentence-angles/
Thesis Checklist:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-process/thesis-sentence/thesis-sentence-checklist/
Thesis Creation:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-process/thesis-sentence/thesis-sentence-creation/
Topic Sentences:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-process/paragraphing/paragraphing-topic-sentences/

Grammar

20 Most Common Errors:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/
Apostrophe:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/punctuation/apostrophes/
Apostrophe (Writing Refresher):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-refresher/grammar-refresher/apostrophes/
Apostrophe Errors:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-apostrophe-errors/
Capitalization:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-capitalization/
Comma After Introductory Element:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-comma-after-introductory-element/
Comma Splice:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-comma-splice/
Commas with Coordinating Conjunctions:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/punctuation/commas/commas-with-coordinating-conjunctions/



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Commas:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/punctuation/commas/
Commas (Writing Refresher):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-refresher/grammar-refresher/comma-refresher/
Dashes & Hyphens:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-refresher/grammar-refresher/dashes-hyphens/
Documentation Common Error:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-documentation/
Faulty Sentence Structure:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-faulty-sentence-structure/
Hyphens:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/punctuation/hyphens/
Hyphens (Common Errors):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-hyphens/
Missing Comma in Compound Sentence:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-missing-comma-in-compound-sentence/
Missing Comma with Nonrestrictive Element:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-missing-comma-with-nonrestrictive-element/
Missing Word:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-missing-word/
Parts of Speech:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/parts-of-speech/
Periods:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/punctuation/periods/
Poorly Integrated Quote:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-poorly-integrated-quote/
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Pronoun Agreement & Reference:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/parts-of-speech/pronouns/pronoun-agreement-and-reference/
Pronoun Agreement & Reference (Writing Reference):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-refresher/grammar-refresher/pronoun-agreement-reference/
Pronoun Reference:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-pronoun-reference/
Pronouns:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/parts-of-speech/pronouns/
Punctuation:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/punctuation/
Quotation Error:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-quotation-error/
Quotation Marks:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/punctuation/quotation-marks/
Quotation Marks & Ellipses:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-refresher/grammar-refresher/quotation-marks-ellipses/
Run-On Sentences:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-run-on-sentences/
Run-On Sentences (Writing Refresher):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-refresher/grammar-refresher/run-on-sentences/
Semicolons:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/punctuation/semicolons/
Semicolons & Colons:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-refresher/grammar-refresher/semicolons-colons/
Sentence Fragments:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-sentence-fragment/
Sentence Fragments (Writing Refresher):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-refresher/grammar-refresher/sentence-fragments/
Spelling:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-spelling/



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Subject-Verb Agreement (Writing Refresher):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-refresher/grammar-refresher/subject-verb-agreement/
Unnecessary Comma:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-unnecessary-comma/
Verb Tense:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/parts-of-speech/verbs/tenses/
Verb Tense (Writing Refresher):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-refresher/grammar-refresher/verb-tense/
Verb Tense Shift:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-verb-tense-shift/
Wrong Word:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/grammar-essentials/common-errors/common-errors-wrong-word/

Organization and Transition

Organizing Your Argument:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/argument-and-critical-thinking/organizing-your-argument/
Paragraphing & Transitioning:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-process/paragraphing/paragraphing-and-transitioning/
Rhetorical Styles:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/rhetorical-styles/

Outlining

Outlining (Research):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/outlining/
Traditional Outlining (Research):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/outlining/outlining-traditional/



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IMRAD Outlining (Research):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/outlining/outlining-imrad
Creating an Outline (Reading Lab)	https://owl.excelsior.edu/orc/what-to-do-after-reading/analyzing/creating-an-outline

Paragraphing

Paragraphing:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-process/paragraphing/
Paragraphing: Meal Plan:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/drafting-and-integrating/drafting-and-integrating-paragraphing/
Paragraphing & Transitioning:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-process/paragraphing/paragraphing-and-transitioning/

Paraphrasing & Summarizing

Paraphrasing (Writing Lab):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/drafting-and-integrating/drafting-and-integrating-paraphrasing/
Paraphrasing (Reading Lab):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/orc/what-to-do-after-reading/paraphrasing/
Paraphrasing & Plagiarism:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/plagiarism/plagiarism-how-to-avoid-it/plagiarism-paraphrasing/
Summarizing (Writing Lab):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/drafting-and-integrating/drafting-and-integrating-summarizing/
Summarizing (Reading Lab):	https://owl.excelsior.edu/orc/what-to-do-after-reading/summarizing/
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Avoiding Plagiarism:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/plagiarism/
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Literature Reviews:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/literature-reviews/
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Research Strategies:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/research-strategies/
Revising & Editing a Research Paper:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/revising-and-editing-a-research-paper/
The Research Process:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/research-process/
Tips for Writing an Annotated Bibliographies:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/research/annotated-bibliographies/annotated-bibliography-tips/
Written Communication VALUE Rubric:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/educator-resources/rubric/



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Synthesizing Ideas

Synthesizing:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/orc/what-to-do-after-reading/synthesizing/
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Using Evidence

Annotating:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/orc/what-to-do-while-reading/annotating/
Annotating Sources:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/argument-and-critical-thinking/using-evidence/using-evidence-annotating-sources/
Experience:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/argument-and-critical-thinking/using-evidence/using-evidence-experience/
Logical Fallacies:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/argument-and-critical-thinking/logical-fallacies/
Primary Sources:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/argument-and-critical-thinking/using-evidence/using-evidence-primary-sources/
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Source Integration:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/argument-and-critical-thinking/using-evidence/using-evidence-source-integration/
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Written Communication VALUE Rubric:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/educator-resources/rubric/

Vocabulary

Context Clues:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/orc/what-to-do-while-reading/vocabulary-strategies/context-clues/
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Creating a KIM Chart:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/orc/what-to-do-while-reading/vocabulary-strategies/creating-a-kim-chart/
Creating Vocabulary Flashcards:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/orc/what-to-do-while-reading/vocabulary-strategies/creating-vocabulary-flashcards/
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Exploring the Reading Lab:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/orc/introduction/explore-the-reading-lab/
Figurative Language:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/orc/what-to-do-while-reading/vocabulary-strategies/figurative-language/
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Vocabulary:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/orc/what-to-do-while-reading/vocabulary-strategies/
Word-Part Clues:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/orc/what-to-do-while-reading/vocabulary-strategies/word-part-clues/

Voice & Tone

Academic Voice:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-process/finding-your-voice/finding-your-voice-academic-voice/
Aristotelian Argument:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/argument-and-critical-thinking/organizing-your-argument/organizing-your-argument-aristotelian/
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Rogerian Argument:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/argument-and-critical-thinking/organizing-your-argument/organizing-your-argument-rogerian/
Tips on Academic Voice:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-process/finding-your-voice/finding-your-voice-tips-on-academic-voice/



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Health Sciences	
Care Plan:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-in-the-disciplines/nursing/care-plan/
Case Analysis:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-in-the-disciplines/health-sciences/case-analysis/
Community Health Literature:	https://owl.excelsior.edu/writing-in-the-disciplines/health-sciences/community-health-literature/
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