

Avast, me hearties!

Welcome to a pirate writing adventure. We're going to use pirates as our topic as we learn to write research papers.

We'll begin with **prewriting**. That's the part where we figure out what we have to say about pirates. We'll **brainstorm**, talk, think, and do some preliminary research.

Once we have something to say, we'll figure out the best way to say it. We'll develop a good **thesis** and do further research to find plenty of **support** for our ideas. We'll **organize** the facts we want to use and make an **outline** for our paper.

Then we'll **write** our papers. We'll make sure we use the words that say exactly what we want to say, and we'll use complete sentences and paragraphs. We'll avoid **plagiarism**, and make sure we cite all our sources.

We'll get some feedback from our fellow students and from our teacher. Then we'll **edit** our papers, polishing them up till they're the best they can be.

We won't forget to **proofread**.

Then it's time to **publish** our work. There are a lot of possibilities available to us. By the time our work is finished and ready to share with others, we'll have the writing skills we need to do well on all our term papers and essay exams.

Rubric

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I narrowed my topic and developed a strong thesis.	1	2	3	4	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I supported all my ideas with facts.	1	2	3	4	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I chose strong sources and cited them correctly.	1	2	3	4	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I organized my paper well with my readers in mind.	1	2	3	4	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wrote my own paper, without plagiarism.	1	2	3	4	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I used feedback well and edited my paper to improve it.	1	2	3	4	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I proofread my paper.	1	2	3	4	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I published my work and made sure my format was appropriate for the medium I chose.	1	2	3	4	5

