PLANNING THE PERFECT PAPER

In college, you will quickly discover that you will need much more time to prepare your assignments. While you might be finding as a high school student that it is possible to write an entire paper the day before it is due, it is important to recognize that a heavier workload in college will make it impossible for you to procrastinate. In fact, college and career coach Bill Leamon has suggested that if you want your college-level research paper to earn an A, you can expect to spend 10 hours over the course of 10 days writing it.

Below are 10 tips to keep in mind whenever you write a paper in the future:

- 1. Research the topic.
- 2. Write an outline of the paper.
- 3. Write a rough draft.
- 4. Review the paper.
- 5. Make major revisions.
- 6. Give it to someone in the writing lab to review.
- 7. Make all necessary final edits.
- 8. Give it a careful final review.
- 9. Print the paper.
- 10. Hand it in or submit it online.

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