

# Reading and Note-taking for Research

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Reading and taking notes for research can feel overwhelming.

What do you do once you've found some good sources?

How do you read all of this material?

Some sources are hundreds of pages long!

This module will give you concrete tips for reading and note-taking that will:

- Save you time.
- Improve the quality of your work.
- Make the writing process much less stressful.

We've organized these tips into the early and later stages of research because our goals change as we move through the research process.

There are 4 main strategies for reading that you can apply at the different stages of your research. This is called the 4-S System of Reading.

The first 2: Search and Skim, are helpful at the early stages of the research process. You can use these strategies quickly to see if an article will help answer your research questions.

The last 2: Select and Study will help in the later stages when you begin to select key passages and sections for a deeper and more critical reading of the article or topic.

These videos will also guide you in taking notes and annotations at all stages of the research process.

We pair reading and note-taking strategies so you can:

- Better understand the materials.
- Improve your writing process.
- Avoid plagiarism.

Let's get started.