

Tips for approaching the term paper:

- Start with your reference page. Carry around a notebook or pad of paper you won't lose.
- Keep careful documentation of any book, magazine or journal article, or website you use.
- Remember to include all authors, editors, translators, volume numbers of journals, and anything else that might help your reader get to your original source.
- Carefully record quotations and summaries including the page numbers.
- Start early. It takes time to locate sources, read and keep track, and pull it together.
- Keep this notebook of references and quotes at least until you get your final paper back with a grade. Should a professor call you into their office to discuss your source material, it helps evidence you as a careful, concerned scholar who would *never, never intentionally plagiarize!*
- Do not assume professors would never check your work because they are too busy. They are busy, yet part of their job is to keep track of these things. When you see a prof walking around red-eyed and tired, it is because of actually checking source documents.

Here's what Dr. Furchner expects:

- Length to be 5-10 pages.
- At least two references *in addition to text* (if you cite it).
 - If you get your references off the internet, be careful that they come from reputable sources (i.e. professional journals, texts, ...) and *not* pop psychology or junk science sites. About *half* of the sites from Wikipedia are trustworthy—select carefully.
- If you e-mail your term paper, it must be readable in Word2003.

- The term paper deadline is **firm**. ***That's May 8th, 2007.*** There is simply not time at the end of the semester to read and evaluate late ones. So start your paper at least two weeks in advance to give time to cope with unforeseen difficulties.
- If you want to turn in a rough draft in order to get feedback from Dr. Furchner, it **must be turned in by April 24th** .