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Advice for Students: 10 Steps Towards Better Writing*

1. Pace yourself. Set aside time to write a little bit each day
2. Plan, then write. An outline can be a list of points to cover, a statement of purpose, or a mental image of your finished paper
3. Start in the middle. One of the biggest problems facing writers of all kinds is figuring out how to start. Skip the introduction and jump in at paragraph two.
4. Write crappy first drafts. What you write doesn’t matter, what you rewrite is what matters.
5. Don’t plagiarize. Avoid ever using another person’s work in a way that even suggests it is your own.
6. Use directions wisely. Make sure your paper meets the requirements spelled out in the assignment.
7. Avoid Wikipedia and any other general-purpose encyclopedia — These are places to look up facts quickly, to gain a cursory understanding of a topic, not to present detailed examinations of academic subjects.
8. Focus on communicating your purpose. Revise your paper at least once
9. Proofread. Proofreading is a separate thing entirely from revision, and should be the last thing you do before declaring a paper “finished”.
10. Conclude something. Don’t confuse a “conclusion” with a “summary”. The conclusion should be a strong resolution to the paper.

*Source: http://www.lifehack.org