WRITING THE FINAL PAPER

AN ACADEMIC SUCCESS WORKSHOP
What do you struggle with the most when writing a paper?
WHAT IS THE EASIEST PART OF WRITING A PAPER?
WHY IS WRITING ESSAYS IMPORTANT...

Keep in mind that for some classes you'll be asked to submit papers as a final exam instead of completing a test.
BEFORE WE START...

• Writing can be scary, especially if you don't know when to start.
BEFORE WE START...

• It's going to be okay

• The key to writing a great paper is GETTING STARTED.
• UNDERSTAND WHAT IS REQUIRED

• This is BEFORE you start writing.

--> Review your assignment requirements and fully understand them.
EXAMPLE:

examine these two art pieces

Michelangelo's David

Bernini's David
EXAMPLE:

Prompt #1
What are the similarities and differences? Make sure to talk about their historical and political importance and how they each contributed to the art movement of the era.

Prompt #2
Choose one of the two art pieces, then write a 1000 word essay saying why this piece is better/ more important than the other.
• **UNDERSTAND WHAT IS REQUIRED**

• Knowing the range of topics and the specific formatting is the first step in starting your paper with organization and structure.

• You don't want to start working on a topic that's off-limits, vague, not answering the prompt, or in the wrong format only to find out later.

• Always, always, always clarify requirements before starting.
2. CHOOSE A TOPIC THAT INTERESTS YOU

• Whether your topic is already assigned to you or you've expected to come up with it, you should ALWAYS find the angle that speaks to you.

• You should go in a direction that is most engaging to you.

• You are more likely to write well about something that interests you.
2. CHOOSE A TOPIC THAT INTERESTS YOU

"Write what you care about, if you do that, you stand the best chance of doing your best writing."

-Jerry Spinelli, Newberry Award winning author.
3. OUTLINE WITH DETAIL

• This is the most challenging step since it can lead your entire paper.

BUT

• This helps organize your points find your main argument and state them logically.
  • [ex: point 1 -&gt; point 2]
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• Having an outline will help you transition between paragraphs and help you talk about each point equally.

• Try making this outline as detailed as you can with what you want to include.