

# The Writing Process

The following steps should be followed when writing any type of essay.\*

1. **Brainstorming:** See —Creating a Research Questionl in handbook.
2. **Gathering Evidence:** Reading and selecting evidence for the essay (from textbook, outside research, etc.). Begin compiling Works Cited/References page.
3. **Organizing (big ideas):** See sample graphic organizers. Generate a thesis statement which can be changed and adapted as you move through the writing process.
4. **Outlining:** Form an outline from the graphic organizer.
5. **Drafting:** Format your essay Revisit your Works Cited/References page; add new sources and delete unused sources Begin writing your essay using your evidence.
6. **Revising:** Adjust organization of essay; add more elaboration where necessary, etc.
7. **Editing:** See — Edit essay thoroughly. Polish your Works Cited/References page.
8. **Turn in final copy!**

\*Please note that this process is meant to be flexible, adjusting to the needs of different types of writers.