Writing a Research Paper
Primary and Secondary Sources

- Primary Source--the literary work on which the paper will focus

- Secondary Source--historical, biographical, cultural, and critical documents to support claims.
In writing a research paper, first identify an issue that interests you, then a tentative main claim.
Next Step--Secondary Sources/Working Bibliography

- Next step, identify several secondary sources and construct a working bibliography.
Start Writing

- Start composing by revisiting your tentative claim, taking into account what you have learned through research.
Document Sources

- Document your sources by following MLA guidelines.
Good Tips for the Research Paper

- See page 1606.