

EST 361: Five Tips for Writing a Strong Essay

1. Read the course text(s) closely; take good notes as you do so; note the page number so that you can accurately cite those sections of the text in your essay.
2. Read the essay question carefully; make sure that you understand each aspect of the assignment, as well as the assignment as a whole.
3. Outline your essay before you write; be sure to include all aspects of the assignment.
4. Document your sources by page number when paraphrasing or quoting directly.
5. Allow yourself time to edit, spell-check and proofread your essay; number the pages.