

The guide to handle one of most important tasks in your life

Certainly sometimes you are assigned with **the term paper topic**, but sometimes you have the possibility to choose one. It seems so easy yet so many students either have failed their assignments or did not write the paper they wanted to because no interesting, exciting and challenging topic had been chosen. Many students follow some simple and mistaken route - they choose the topics according to its popularity - if it is popular nowadays to evaluate this event or research this subject, than it might be worth my while to write the term paper on this subject as well. However, your interest, the topic that attracts your attention is what matters.

Once famous Chinese philosopher Confucius said: “Choose a job you like and you will never have to work a day in your life.” What pertains to the life in general, pertains to the process of writing and designing of your term paper.

Your attitude to the term paper as well as your enthusiasm and your eagerness with which you will research, depends on that. Your term paper will be more interesting to read and will gain consequently more points if you choose the topic that really concerns you rather than pick up the topic that will leave you indifferent.

Once you have chosen the topic, you can start organizing it. Your topic, whatever subject you research should not be too broad. At this stage it might be advisable to consult with your tutor. He will be able to advise you on this point; however most of the tutors require making of the topic more specific. For example one should not choose the topic “History of American continent in the 20th century”. Unless you write some 100 pages book, you will not be able to research and write a detailed story of American continent of the 20th century. It might be advisable in this case to narrow your topic to the following: “The collapse of France and its influence on political life of American continent in 1940.”

However, one should not try to choose the topic that are highly specialized or too technician or on which there is not enough material.

Once the topic of your term paper has been chosen, you can start investigating and researching available material to gain a **term paper idea** on the subject. Start with one of the most popular and one of the most convenient sources of the information - online network. However, you should be very cautious in using of different sites. Remember, that some of the sites contain outdated or not credible information, and some of them just advertise the product and do not provide any information. You can use many online libraries or databases that contain useful and credible sources. Domains that have such endings as gov., edu, and org. should be considered more credible ones; however you should treat information on other websites cautiously. Do not forget that many tutors and some of the educational institutions might not recognize web sites as the credible and trustworthy source, so it you can turn to more traditional ones –books and printed journals.

Finally, whatever sources you use, read guides on plagiarism before you start using other sources for your term paper.