# Writing Tips

## Audience
- **WaGS 001:** Well-informed peers
  - Can expect basic knowledge of terms and ideas being used in class without needing to explain
  - Otherwise, depends on type of paper/class—be sure to look at the prompt!

## Purpose
- Depends on paper:
  - WaGS 001 assigns a research paper with a purpose to inform people about a gender issue present in literature, media, and/or society
  - Other papers in the class might be more self-reflective and are meant to get students critically thinking of gender issues in their own lives
  - To explore issues or theories regarding women and gender in history, society, and media
    - Be critical and analyze the issues and how they affect own life, as well as lives of other

## Tone/Voice
- Depends on type of paper: WaGS 001 assigns 3 papers: one self-reflective, one creative, one objective/scholarly
  - Reflective should be personal and can be more casual--should still use proper English
  - Creative is still slightly casual, but should incorporate serious tone and thought into trying to solve a political gender issue
  - Scholarly essay should be formal, scholarly, and well researched. It is like a research paper you are presenting to educated colleagues

## Structure
- WaGS 001 follows standard English class type essays
  - Start with intro and thesis, move to body paragraphs that incorporate research or textual evidence, and end with a conclusion
- Other courses/papers depend on the cross-listed subject:
  - If writing for a class cross listed with History, utilize a History-type structure.

## Research/Sources
- WaGS 001 focuses on using popular, scholarly, and organizational sources for their research paper
  - Students work closely with librarian Sharon Walters and use library database to find research on their subjects
- Depends on class and type of paper:
  - Research paper will expect scholarly journals and peer reviewed articles
  - WaGS 001 The reflective paper uses just their in-class readings

## Source Integration
- WaGS 001 Expects use of direct quotes
- Other courses/papers depend on the cross-listed subject

## Citation/Style
- WaGS 001 uses MLA for all of its paper
- MLA, APA, ASA, Chicago, or Harvard Style
  - Citation style depends on style of paper or type of research used
- Uses of footnotes, endnotes, or in-text citations should reflect the style used
- Professors may specify citation style, or cross-listed classes may have preference

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