

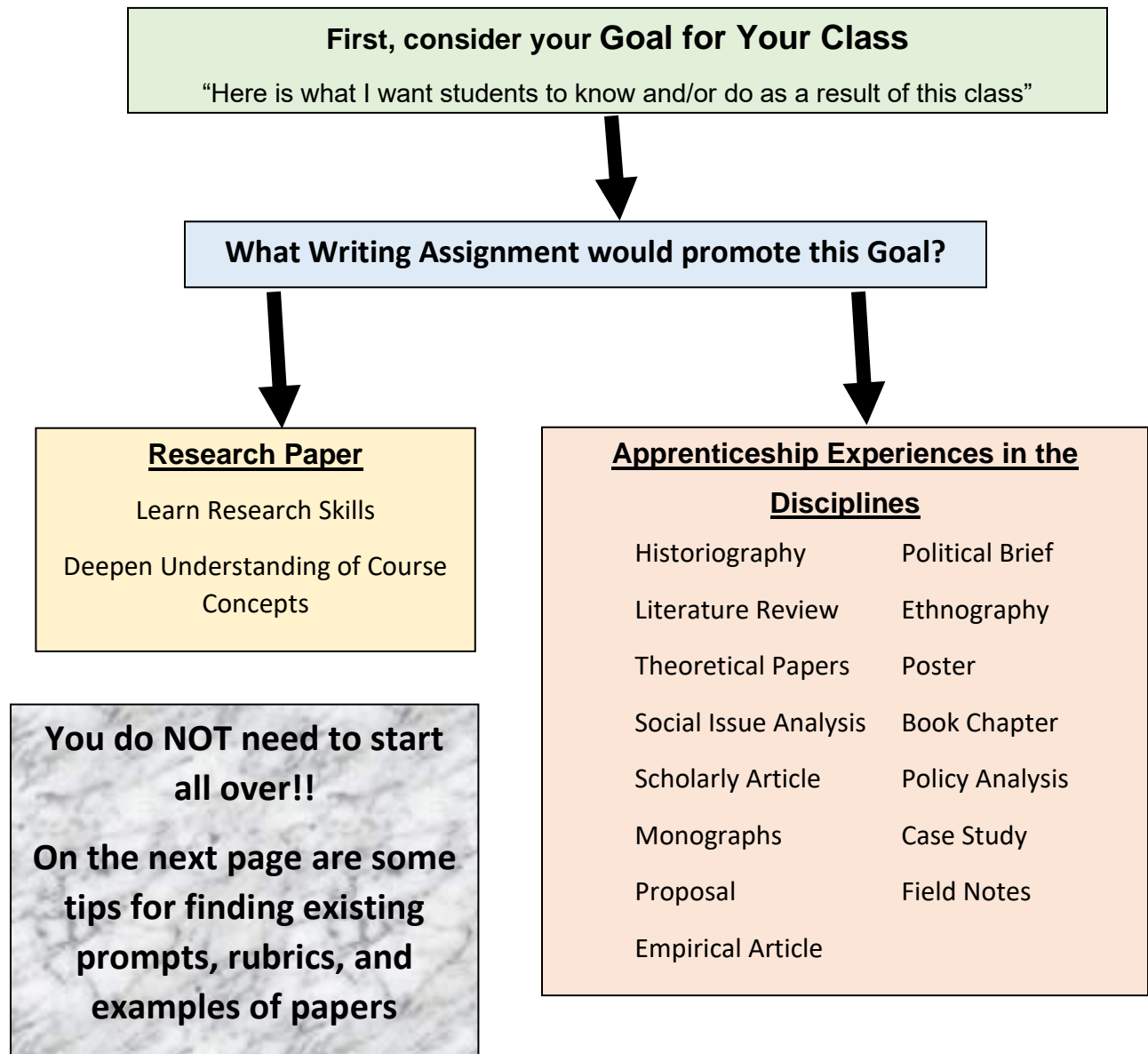


## Tired of Grading Poor Papers? Improving Student Writing

Are your students getting the greatest possible benefit from your writing assignments? Are you disappointed in the final papers? This might be a good time to redesign your writing assignment to align more carefully with your goals for your class!!

**Due to the Covid Virus, all FHSS Writing Lab appointments will be online only.**

Encourage your students to sign up at <https://fhsswriting.byu.edu/>



## Need Help?

Do not reinvent the wheel. Search for descriptions of the types of papers you want students to complete. Find existing writing prompts, rubrics, or good and poor examples. Then modify them as you want to.

Here are some helpful sources that have examples of writing assignments:

Discipline	Type of Writing Assignment	Source
History	Historiographies (& other history writing assignments)	American Historical Association Provides a variety of sample writing assignments and rubrics <a href="https://www.historians.org/teaching-and-learning/teaching-resources-for-historians/classroom-materials/classroom-materials-sample-assignments">https://www.historians.org/teaching-and-learning/teaching-resources-for-historians/classroom-materials/classroom-materials-sample-assignments</a>
		University of Richmond Writing Center Provides description and guidelines for a historiography <a href="http://writing2.richmond.edu/writing/wweb/history/historiography.html">http://writing2.richmond.edu/writing/wweb/history/historiography.html</a>
Political Science	Policy Analysis Impact Assign (& other types of writing)	Influencing Social Policy Organization Writing assignments, rubrics, and examples <a href="http://influencingsocialpolicy.org/resources/activities-assignments/">http://influencingsocialpolicy.org/resources/activities-assignments/</a>
Psychology	Literature Reviews	Washington Writing Center Provides descriptions of how to create a literature review <a href="https://depts.washington.edu/psych/files/writing_center/litrev.pdf">https://depts.washington.edu/psych/files/writing_center/litrev.pdf</a>
		UCCS School for Public Affairs Tools for teaching students to create literature reviews <a href="https://www.uccs.edu/Documents/spa/Events/literature_reviews_made_easy_ppt.pdf">https://www.uccs.edu/Documents/spa/Events/literature_reviews_made_easy_ppt.pdf</a>
Economics	Clear Writing Guide	Duke University Guidelines for writing in Economics: <a href="https://www.pomona.edu/administration/writing-center/student-resources/writing-humanities-and-social-sciences/young-economist%E2%80%99s-short-guide-writing-economic-research">https://www.pomona.edu/administration/writing-center/student-resources/writing-humanities-and-social-sciences/young-economist%E2%80%99s-short-guide-writing-economic-research</a>
Geography	Guides to Writing for Geography	 <a href="http://www.uwu.edu/~/media/Document%20Center/colleges/cls/Departments/guide">www.uwu.edu &gt; Documents &gt; colleges &gt; cls &gt; Departments &gt; guide</a>  <a href="http://adelaide.edu.au/files/docs/learningguide-geographyessay">adelaide.edu.au &gt; files &gt; docs &gt; learningguide-geographyessay</a>
School of Family Life	Guide for Writing About Families	<a href="https://familyessay.org/blog/essay-about-family/">https://familyessay.org/blog/essay-about-family/</a>  Expanding Definitions of Academic Writing: Family ... - ERIC  <a href="http://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext">files.eric.ed.gov &gt; fulltext</a>
Neuroscience	Neuroscience Papers	<a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/ejn.13215">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/ejn.13215</a>
Anthropology	Ethnography	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Writing Center Describes and explains how to write ethnographies <a href="https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/anthropology/">https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/anthropology/</a>
Sociology	Sociology papers	University of Washington Department of Sociology Describes papers that apply sociological theories or perspectives <a href="https://soc.washington.edu/writing-papers-apply-sociological-theories-or-perspectives">https://soc.washington.edu/writing-papers-apply-sociological-theories-or-perspectives</a>
	Instructors' Guide to Writing for Sociology	University of California Berkeley Sociology Department A full booklet on Sociology writing <a href="https://sociology.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/documents/student_services/writing_guide/Instructors.guide.final.corrected.title.page.pdf">https://sociology.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/documents/student_services/writing_guide/Instructors.guide.final.corrected.title.page.pdf</a>

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