

# Double-Entry Research Log

## WHAT IS IT?

A double-entry research log helps writers keep track of what they read and record their own responses to sources as part of their research process. This note-taking strategy helps writers become actively involved with the material and clarifies their understanding of the topic while identifying connections (and disconnects) among different sources.

## Steps:

1. Create a separate log for each source.
2. Record bibliographic information for the source at the top of the log.
3. In the column on the left, quote or paraphrase the source. If you are quoting, remember to use quotation marks; if you are paraphrasing, make sure your language and sentence structure are significantly different from the original. Include page numbers, if available.
4. In the column on the right, record your response to or reflection on the quotation or paraphrase. Consider the following:
  - What is significant about this information?
  - What does this quotation or paraphrase remind you of?
  - In what way is this aligned with what other source authors have said?
  - In what way is this different from what other source authors have said?

## RESEARCH LOG TEMPLATE:

<b>Source title:</b> <b>Source author(s):</b> <b>Source type and location:</b> <b>DOI, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Quotation or paraphrase from text          (and page number, if available):</b>	<b>My response and/or reflections:</b>