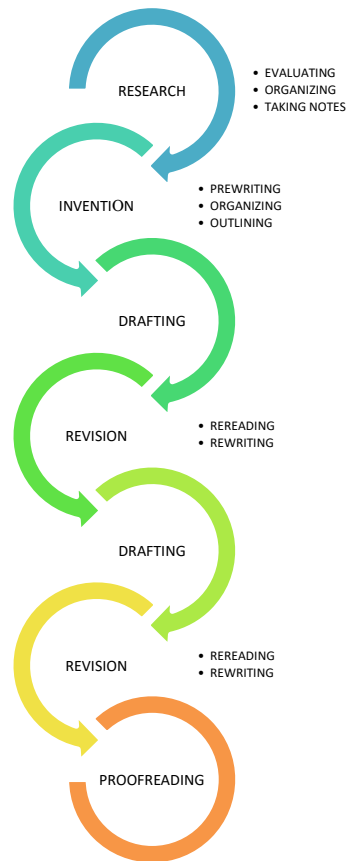


Recursive Writing for Fun and Profit*



RESEARCH: This is where you gather, evaluate, and organize your source material. Portions of the research and invention stages will happen concurrently (at the same time) and/or recursively (e.g. RESEARCH → INVENTION → RESEARCH → INVENTION).

INVENTION: This is sometimes called pre-writing. You will likely find yourself “inventing” your ideas throughout your writing process, not just before your start writing.

DRAFTING: The writing part of writing. This is where you put pen to paper or, rather, fingertips to keyboard.

REVISION: In this stage you both review the ideas, organization, and clarity of your work AND rewrite. *This is often where the most important work takes place.* Rewriting part – or even all – of your work is a mark of STRENGTH as a writer, not weakness. Perfection never resides in a first draft.

PROOFREADING: *Proofreading is quite different from revision.* First, it examines only *surface-level* issues in your work, like grammar, spelling, or syntax (the order of words). Second, while revising may happen over and over again in your process, proofreading only needs to happen at the end. It is the final polish that you give your work before presenting it to a reader.

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