Thesis: The main idea of the entire paper, written as a single sentence, that the rest of the paper will go to prove.

On Writing:

Only plot, theme, character, conversation and great words are to be tossed off like popcorn, and that any writing can be done without the utmost application, and the patience and energy of which the writer is capable.

- Charles Dickens

Are You a Plagiarist?

Students are responsible for adhering to certain standards of conduct during their academic career. The most universally obvious of these standards is not to cheat. Cheating is not limited to just copying a classmate’s paper or using crib notes during a test. It also includes submitting a written assignment that: 1) is authored by someone else, such as a pre-written research paper or essay that is found on or purchased from the internet or some other source; 2) includes text copied word-for-word, or even paraphrased, from other sources without crediting the authors with proper quotation marks, in-text citations and references; and 3) includes ideas or concepts that originate from the works of other authors that are not properly credited and referenced. Any attempt by students to pass off someone else’s writing or ideas as their own is stealing, literary theft.

Reading Enhances Writing Skills

The Reading Center recommends:

MASTER MAN & MAN
by Leo Tolstoy

“He turned his head, dug with his hand through the snow about him and opened his eyes. It was daylight; the wind was whistling as before between the shafts, and the snow was falling in the same way, except that it was no longer driving against the frame of the sled but silently covered both sledge and horse deeper and deeper, and neither the horse’s movements nor his breathing were any longer to be heard. ‘He must have frozen too.’”

Writing Workshops

From time to time, Writing Center tutors offer workshops focused on particular issues regarding the process of researching, composing, and formatting written college assignments. Several such workshops will be held outside the WC for updated information and take advantage of these FREE learning opportunities to enhance your writing skills and overall college success.

Happy Holidays from the Writing Center Tutors! We’ll see you on 2/2/15!