



# Writing Tips for *Psychology/Sociology:*



- ❖ State a clear and concise thesis.
- ❖ The topic sentence of each paragraph should describe what the paragraph will cover.
- ❖ Support your argument with evidence from your sources.
  - Use specific examples from texts, lecture, and own experiences/knowledge, if applicable.
    - However, **DO NOT** use first person (“I, me”).
- ❖ Apply information/content to other areas of sociology or psychology to show further understanding.
  - Be sure to stay focused.
- ❖ Use **many** of the vocabulary and discipline-specific terms you are studying in the course.
- ❖ Try not to use too many direct quotations.
  - Paraphrase as much as possible and be sure to cite referenced information.
- ❖ Be concise.
- ❖ Do your own personal research (conduct primary research).
  - Conduct surveys, interviews, etc.
  - State if research supports/refutes original argument.
- ❖ Restate your thesis in the conclusion.
  - Include any discoveries or changes in your original argument that you may or may not have expected.