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Michigan Technological University [Multiliteracies Center](http://mtmc.hu.mtu.edu/).

Resources: [Handouts & Presentations](https://sites.google.com/mtu.edu/mtmcresources) (includes Writing Guides & sample Professional Documents).

Montclair State University [Center for Writing Excellence](https://www.montclair.edu/center-for-writing-excellence/).

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Stanford [Humanities Center](http://shc.stanford.edu/).

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[Graduate Writers: Resources](https://writingcenter.uconn.edu/resources/) (includes: Books; Websites; Productivity; Apps; Citation Managers).

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University of California-Los Angeles [Graduate Writing Center](https://gwc.gsrc.ucla.edu/).

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University of Maryland [Graduate School Writing Center](https://www.gradschool.umd.edu/graduate-school-writing-center).

[Resources for Writing in the Disciplines](https://www.gradschool.umd.edu/students/opportunities-success/writing-initiatives/resources-writing-disciplines) (Arts & Humanities; Social Sciences; Science & Engineering).

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill: [The Writing Center](https://writingcenter.unc.edu/).

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University of Oklahoma [Writing Center](http://www.ou.edu/writingcenter.html).

[Writing Guides](http://www.ou.edu/content/writingcenter/guides.html) (includes: Specialized Genres; Professional Writing).

University of Texas-Austin: [The University Writing Center](http://uwc.utexas.edu/).

For Graduate Students: [Resources by Genre & Discipline](http://uwc.utexas.edu/grad/resources/) (Grammar & Style; International Students; Writers in the Sciences; Writing Job Materials; Grant Writing).

For Faculty: [Handouts](http://uwc.utexas.edu/handouts/) (The Basics; Documentation & Style Guides; Grammar, Usage & Punctuation; Writing Guides; Research Papers; Additional Resources);[[14]](#footnote-14) [Resources for Doctoral Advisors](http://uwc.utexas.edu/grad/resources/doctoral-advisors/) (Handbooks & Online Guides).

University of Toronto-Scarborough: [The Writing Centre](http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/twc/).

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University of Wisconsin-Madison: [The Writing Center](https://writing.wisc.edu/).

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University of Minnesota [Center for Writing](http://writing.umn.edu/).

Student Writing Support: [Especially for graduate writers](http://writing.umn.edu/sws/quickhelp/graduate.html).

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**Academic & Professional Writing-Related Organizations**

[Conference on College Composition & Communication](http://cccc.ncte.org/cccc) (CCCC).

[International Writing Centers Association](http://writingcenters.org/) (IWCA).

1. **Caplan**: Cross-referenced with Swales & Feak. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Swales & Feak**: “is targeted primarily, but not exclusively, at those whose first language is other than English” (2). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Boice**: Contents: **Section A. The Nature of Writing Problems; Section B: Strategies for the Short Run; Section C: A Regimen for Productive and Painless Writing: Strategies for the Long Run; Section D: Beyond Solutions, to Growth; Section E: Appendices.** [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. **Booth**: “foundational for understanding the research process from beginning to end, and the appendix lists sources for disciplinary-specific guidance” (Choice). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. **Gopen**: “demonstrates that readers have relatively fixed expectations of where certain words or grammatical constructions will appear in a unit of discourse. By bringing these intuitive reading processes to conscious thought, this text provides students with tools for understanding how readers interact with the structure of writing” (Pearson). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
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11. **Turner & Thomas**: “In classic style, the motive is truth, the purpose is presentation, the reader and writer are intellectual equals, and the occasion is informal. This general style of presentation is at home everywhere… The book is divided into four parts. The first, "Principles of Classic Style," defines the style and contrasts it with a number of others. "The Museum" is a guided tour through examples of writing, both exquisite and execrable. "The Studio," new to this edition, presents a series of structured exercises. Finally, "Further Readings in Classic Prose" offers a list of additional examples drawn from a range of times, places, and subjects. A companion website, classicprose.com, offers supplementary examples, exhibits, and commentary…” (Princeton University Press). [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
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13. **Purdue**: Excellent, extensive—essential. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. **University of Texas-Austin**: “writing resources, distilled from hundreds of hours of working with students.” [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. **Cayley**: Excellent, with posts, key sources, links. Site maintained by an instructor of academic writing for graduate students. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)