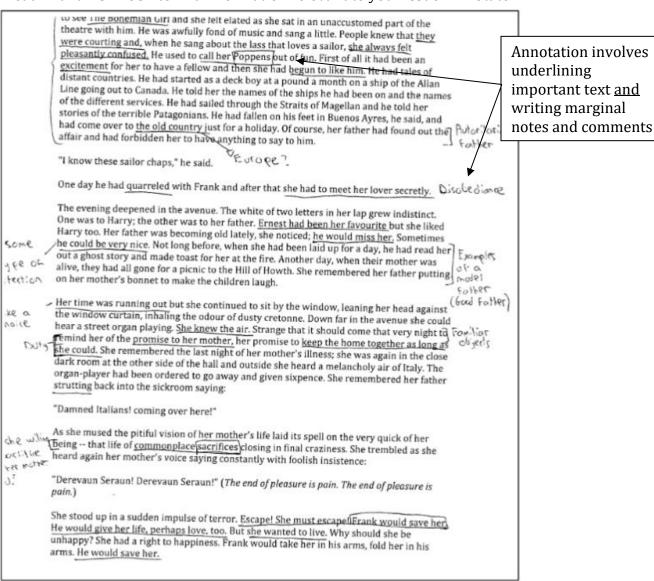


Crossing the Bridge from Reading to Writing

Start With Reading EACH Source Closely and Annotating

--read with a PURPOSE to find information relevant to your Issue. Annotate!

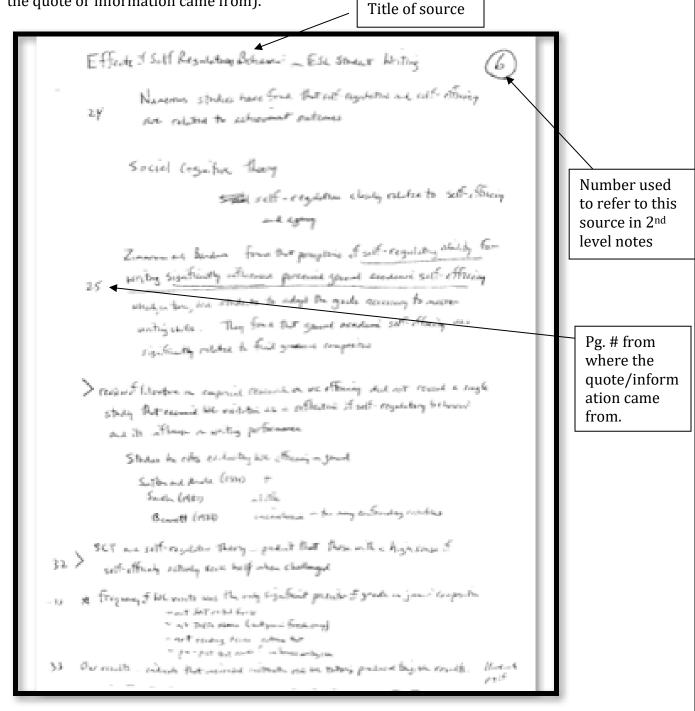


- -- Close, Critical Reading Strategies
- -- Annotation Guide



First Level Notes from Individual Readings

--review your separate readings and record important information and <u>quotes relevant to</u> <u>your issue and your emerging thesis</u>, listing them in any order (be sure to identify where the quote or information came from).

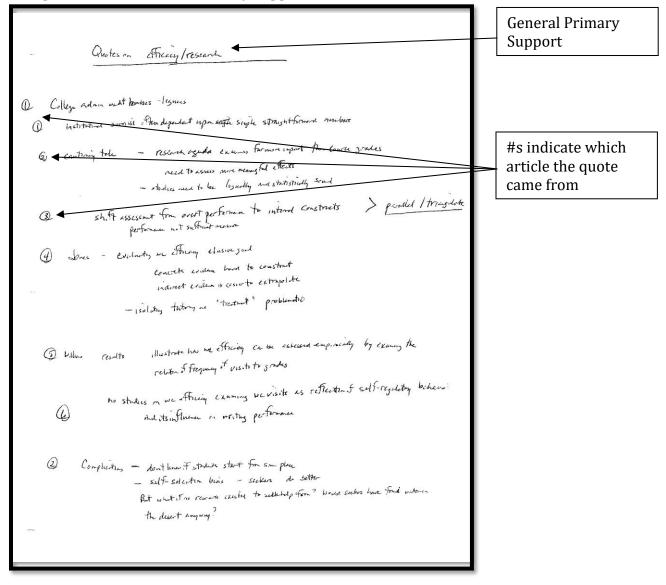




Second Level Notes: Sorting Evidence by Primary Support

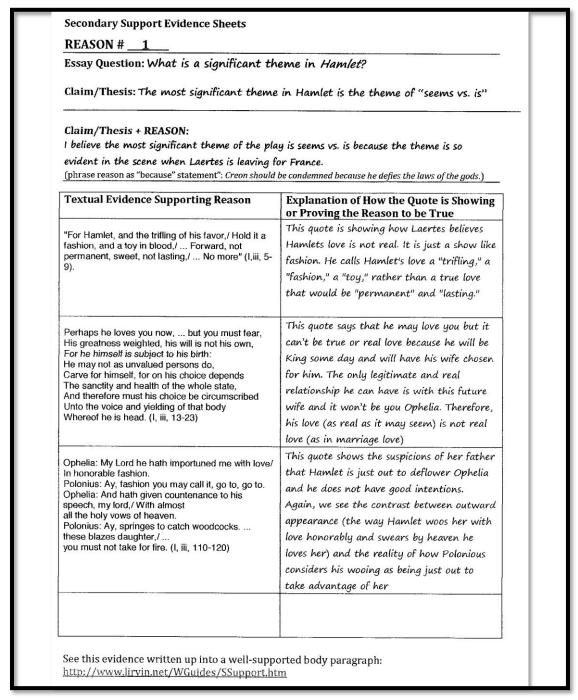
--Next review your first level notes from the separate sources and sort the relevant support by Primary Support. Your job here is to find Secondary Support for each Primary Support. Gather more evidence that you might need. This <u>exercise in Brainstorming for Reasons</u> can help you find Primary Supports:

Example #1 from a General Primary Support



Using Evidence Sheets to Gather Evidence for Primary Supports

--Evidence Sheets represent a more formal way of pulling together support from separate sources for separate Primary Supports. The advantage of Evidence Sheets is they provide space to write a connecting statement about how the quote is working as evidence for the claim and reason. More on Gathering Secondary Support.



NOTE: This example is from gathering evidence from a single source. If you had quotes from multiple sources, you would need to indicate where each separate quote came from.



Use Your Separate Evidence Sheets As You Write Each Separate Body Paragraph

--Your Second Level Notesheets or Evidence Sheets become your cheat sheets from which to write each of your supporting paragraphs. These notesheets make writing your argument EASY because you have all the evidence you need at your fingertips.

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significant association between writing center attendance and achievement" (499). They also extended this association to student progression or persistence. Students with more tutoring from the writing center stayed in school in greater numbers—a finding we have discovered as well. Heather Robinson in a study she performed at York College identified three tutoring sessions as the point at which many developmental students "move beyond those skills and concerns usually associated with basic writers" (88). Specifically, she found at this three tutorial threshold students shifted from a more external motivation and locus of control (LOC) to higher level of intrinsic motivation and internal LOC.

James Williams has also performed a longitudinal study of writing center efficacy and the factors that influence student performance. Sorting through the variables of SAT scores, TOEFL scores, reading scores, a pre- and post-test writing evaluation, and writing center visitations, he found that "the more frequently the students visited the writing center, the higher their grades" (Williams, Takaku, and Bauman 31). Frequency of visits was the only "significant predictor" of grades (35). For Williams, frequency of visits is an expression of self-regulatory and self-efficacy behaviors, and the better achievement of students exhibiting these behaviors serves to confirm social cognitive theory. In his 2011 article reporting on his follow-up research, he again found that "writing center visitation was the only unique significant predictor of grade" with the suggestion of a "mediation path with writing center visitation being a mediator between self-efficacy and grade in composition" (Williams and Takaku 12). In a recent study complementing William's research, Katherine Schmidt and Joel Alexander found that "clients completing three tutoring sessions showed significant, consistent increase in overall writerly self-efficacy rating, whereas the control group did not show a significant change" ("Discussion"). Putting

Quotes from multiple sources are woven into the support for the Body paragraph

NOTE: Put each Primary Support into a single Body paragraph for short 3-5 page papers. As you write longer papers, you may use multiple paragraph for any single Primary Support.

