My Research Project: Create a Research Log

Create your research log now so you’ll be prepared to face the challenges of planning and carrying out your project. A research log can take many forms:

* a notebook
* a word processing file or a folder on a laptop or desktop computer
* a folder or binder
* a set of note cards
* notes taken on a smartphone or a tablet
* a voice recorder

Although it might seem like extra work now, creating a research log as you begin your project will save time in the long run. You can also use Web resources to make progress on your research writing project, keep track of sources, and decide how to use sources to develop and present your argument.