



Special Note to Faculty

I wrote the *Back Porch Guide to the Research Paper* with two student audiences in mind.

First, the workbook could be used as the primary text in a second semester composition class where students are being taught how to write a research paper. In addition to cost, the advantage of the *Back Porch Guide to the Research Paper* over other textbooks currently available is that it will not overwhelm students. Basic information is presented in a clear fashion.

The second audience is students who have to write a research paper to fulfill your course assignments; a course where you are unable to devote much class time to teaching research writing fundamentals. You can ask students to work through the workbook as they are writing their papers. By asking students to complete selected worksheets throughout the semester, you will provide them with valuable direction while helping insure higher quality papers than students typically produce when we simply tell them to write a paper.

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Special Request

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Comments and Suggestions

Comments and suggestions for improvement are always welcomed. Also, if you would like me to add resources to my on-line materials, please send me the link. I will add the link to my website and give you credit for making the suggestion.

Additional Resources

In addition to the Back Porch Guide to the Research Paper, I have a variety of other teaching materials available on my Writing Resources website.

- <http://writing.stevenberg.info/>

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