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Begin researching your topic for Essay 5. When we meet in class on Thursday, please bring with you:

- Your Inquiry question, as you now imagine it.
- A list of the 5-6 best sources you've discovered so far. At least two of these sources should be non web-based. By that I mean, they should be books or scholarly articles (not magazine or newspaper articles)—not websites or blogs. You may access the scholarly articles (or books) on the web or in print. Include brief notes—a sentence or two will suffice—re: how this source will be useful.
- The main sections of your paper, including subheadings (e.g., for a paper on energy policy, one section might be the recent market fluctuations in price, and the subheading might be something like: E=\$\$\$
 - --in other words, a catchy version of the topic
- A paragraph or two of what might be the Introduction for your essay, including context for your topic, the inquiry question, and motivation (in the rhetorical sense, motivation means what should motivate readers to want to read about your topic). NOTE: Don't worry about polishing this "introduction"—you may even freewrite it. Just bring approx. 2 paragraphs that speak to the inquiry and the context and why it matters.

One final note: As you read and search for sources, remember to keep careful notes, especially of 1) precise language and page of any quotes you copy into your notes, being careful to distinguish between quoted material and your own paraphrases; and 2) dates you accessed web sites. Of course, you also want to keep track of all potential bibliographic material, which is where RefWorks and Zotero can help you.