

Lander University Writing Center Essay Guidebook

This PDF guide contains resources that will help your writing process in all stages. From brainstorming to conclusions, we've compiled sources on all parts of the essay. With videos, fillable worksheets, articles, and handouts for a range of topics from introductions to citations, our guidebook is an all-inclusive manual for writing a well-put together essay.

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