

RESOURCES FOR WRITING

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NOTE: I welcome suggestions for additions to this list.

For writing style and organization, see:

William Zinsser, *On Writing Well, the Classic Guide to Writing Nonfiction*, HarperCollins, 2006.

John H. Cochrane, “Writing Tips for PhD Students” [or for anyone who wants to improve their writing]

http://faculty.chicagogsb.edu/john.cochrane/research/Papers/phd_paper_writing.pdf

William Strunk, Jr., and E.B. White, *The Elements of Style* – a classic overview of good writing style, including a review of basic rules of punctuation, grammar, and composition.

For a review of English grammar and punctuation, see:

http://esl.about.com/od/englishgrammar/a/a_punctuation.htm

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Use-English-Punctuation-Correctly>

Lynne Truss, *Eats, Shoots and Leaves, the Zero Tolerance approach to Punctuation*, Gotham Books, 2003. This is actually an amusing book about punctuation.

On editing and revising:

Steven Cahn and Victor Cahn, *Polishing your Prose: How to Turn First Drafts into Finished Work*. Columbia University Press, 2013.

Claire Kehrwald Cook, *Line by Line: How to Edit your own Writing*, Modern Language Association of America, 1985.