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Research Procedure

1. **Identify a specific problem/question**
2. **Compose a hypothesis**
3. **Check leading institutions**
4. **Consult (interview or e-mail) experts**
5. **Address difficulties and opposition**
6. **Think: does this make sense?**
7. **Write a draft less than 600 words**
8. **E-mail draft to Editor-in-Chief**
9. **Get feedback and make revisions**
10. **Submit for publication**

Example of Each Step

- What is the effect of climate-change on national security?
- Climate change threatens our national security, because threatened populaces could revert to terrorism.
- brookings.edu, nytimes.com, cfr.org, wsj.com, carnegieendowment.org, reuters.com, thinkprogress.org*
- Assistant Director of... Professor of...
Chairwoman of... Scholar at... *etc.*
- There are problems with this idea: (1) Too many... ,
(2) Opportunity cost of... , (3) Another obstacle is...
- But we must act now, or else...
- This essay focuses on a *hidden* consequence...
Why do I think this? Because...
So to conclude, I recommend that...
- Dear David,
Attached to this email is my first draft...
-Lance
- Dear Lance,
What exactly did you mean by “parasite of the Earth”?
-David
- Alligator Opinion Editor,
Please consider for publication the attached article.
-Lance