Things to focus on as you write your next paper:

1) Proofreading
   • Do it. After working on a paper long enough, one often glosses over errors in syntax, grammar, and spelling. In the process of reading silently, one often reads what the paper should say, rather than what it actually says. To circumvent this, have a friend read your paper, or read your paper aloud.

2) Formatting Your 'Works Cited' Page
   • Please follow the MLA formatting guidelines.
   • Academic search premier, JSTOR, and all other search engines should not be referenced on your works cited page.
   • The works cited page must be on a new page (use page break).
   • The second and subsequent lines must be indented for each entry.

3) Chapters vs. Journal Articles
   • If you use a chapter from a book, then cite the book. You do not need to cite the chapter, nor do you need to cite the page numbers. Please do not include n. p. or n. d. when referencing a book or journal article. However, you do need to include page numbers for the journal. When citing the page numbers you must cite the numbers of article in the journal, not the pages you referenced.

4) Websites
   • Do not use them. If you are looking for a quick reference, consult The Oxford Classical Dictionary. You will find this on the main floor of the library. It cannot be checked out, which means it is always there.

5) Italicizing
   • If you reference the title of a book, chapter, or journal, be sure to format it appropriately. Generally, books and journals should be italicized, while journal articles should be placed in quotes. Unless it is absolutely essential, you don't need to mention the title of the book. You can, however, mention the author. The first time you mention the author you should reference the author's full name.

6) Spacing
   • Only one space is necessary after periods and other punctuation. Do not use two spaces.

7) Primary Sources
   • See the handout that has been posted under course materials.

8) Using Quotes
   • Quotes must fit seamlessly into the structure of your sentence.

9) Commas
   • Splices: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/engagement/index.php?category_id=2&sub_category_id=1&article_id=34
   • General: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/engagement/2/1/43/
   • For fun: http://www.buzzfeed.com/emmyf/25-biggest-comma-fails

10) Apostrophes
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    http://theoatmeal.com/comics/apostrophe