

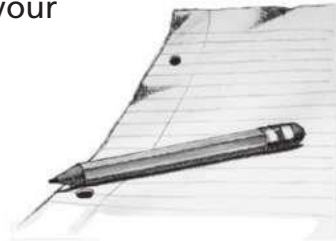
## WRITING FORMS

# Research Report: Prewriting

A **research report** uses facts and details from outside sources to inform readers about a topic.

## Prewriting

- First, choose a topic for your research report.
- Then do research about your topic. Jot down notes on index cards.
- Using your notes, make an outline to organize your report. Each main topic in your outline will be a paragraph in your report.



### Outline

#### **I. Bald eagle**

- A. Called "America's bird"
- B. Seen on pictures, coins, flags

#### **II. Threats to bald eagles**

- A. Hurt by use of pesticide called DDT
- B. Disappeared in some parts of U.S.
- C. EPA - only 412 pairs in U.S. in 1950

#### **III. How bald eagles were saved**

- A. Listed as endangered in 1967
- B. Government banned DDT
- C. About 115,000 eagles in U.S. by 1990s
- D. Taken off endangered list in 2007

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Follow your teacher's directions to complete the activity.**



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On a separate sheet of paper, create an outline like the one above. Then outline the main ideas and supporting facts and details that you will use in a report about an endangered animal.



On a separate sheet of paper, prewrite an outline for a research report. You can also use what you have learned to improve an old outline.