

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