

Legal Research and Writing  
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**Readings for the First Week**

Dear students,

Welcome to Vermont Law and Graduate School! Here are the required readings for the first two classes.

Tuesday, August 26

An introduction to American legal systems

*A Lawyer Writes*, 15-23 (Sources of Law) (through “Weave a Tapestry”)

*Researching the Law*, 3-7 (Introduction to Legal Research)

Constitution of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (on Canvas)

*The Bluebook*, review ix-xvi (Table of Contents), read 1-4 (Introduction and Rule B1.1) and Rules B11 and 11

Thursday, August 28

Hierarchies of authority; legal research process; citing case names (with workshop)

*A Lawyer Writes*, 23-32 (Systems of Law)

*Researching the Law*, 21-26 (Defining a Research Question)

*Legal Research Process Chart* (on Canvas)

*The Bluebook*, Rules B2, B10.1.1, 10.2, and Table 6 (Case names in citations)

In-class citation workshop on case names (on Canvas)