The Writing Centers of the LMU Amerikanistik & Anglistik have compiled a list of useful links to resources for academic research:

1. <u>**Starting off**</u>

    a. <u>Bayerische Staatsbibliothek (BSB) / „StaBi"</u>

    b. <u>Universitätsbibliothek (UB)</u>

    Use the online catalogues (OPAC) of the libraries to find books that you can order for free and / or read online. You can optimize your search in the same way as you would when using popular search engines such as google or yahoo (using tags, headings, related words etc.).

    c. <u>SFX "Fernleihe"</u>

    You can order books etc. from libraries outside of Munich for free by using the "Fernleihe" option. However, in some cases you will be charged some money for copies or shipping for books from outside the country.
    Plan ahead with "Fernleihe", the process can take around two weeks!

    * Also see **Worldcat.org** for a general search for books under your topic, then search the library catalog: http://www.worldcat.org/

2. <u>**Electronic Essay Resources**</u>

    Individual essays – often times you can get full PDF articles on these websites. Access to these sites is possible via the UB website, "Literatursuche & Tipps" and then "Datenbanken (DBIS)". Examples:

    a. Modern Language Association (MLA) International Bibliography
    b. JSTOR
    c. Literature Online (LION) → especially useful: "Criticism & Reference"
    d. Literature Resource center (LRC) → http://gdc.gale.com/gale-literaturecollections/literature-resource-center/

    Use your Campus Kennung and Password to get to the databases.
    Citing: If there is only a HTML Version without page numbers available, either get a real copy at the library or cite it as if the article was a website. Getting the real world version is definitely preferable to citing the HTML document, as it guarantees prolonged accessibility of the source.

3. <u>**Dictionaries**</u>

    a. Oxford English Dictionary (OED) → accessible via Datenbanken of the UB !
       The online version is usually more up to date than the print version.
    b. Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (ODNB)

4. <u>**Ebooks**</u>

    Know how to use your iPad, kindle, laptop, iPhone etc. for study and research purposes.

a. Project Gutenberg → get free ebooks with possibly a lot of spelling mistakes that you should not quote: http://www.gutenberg.org/
b. Cambridge Companions Online
c. Amazon → buy digital versions of classics
d. UB & BSB → read online books
e. Whispernet, Calibre → manage your ebooks

5. <u>Online Media</u>

a. New York Times: http://www.nytimes.com/
b. Washington Post: http://www.washingtonpost.com/
c. Los Angeles Times: http://www.latimes.com/
d. CNN: http://edition.cnn.com/
e. National Public Radio: http://www.npr.org/

6. <u>Elektronische Zeitschriftendatenbank (EZB)</u> http://www.gateway-bayern.de/

7. <u>Zeitschriftendatenbank (ZDB)</u>
http://dispatch.opac.d-nb.de/DB=1.1/

8. <u>Karlsruher Virtueller Katalog (KVK)</u>
→ like google, but for books only
http://www.ubka.uni-karlsruhe.de/kvk.html

9. <u>Citing</u>

The most important rule about correct use of citation systems is to be consistent. Once you have chosen MLA format or any other citation format, stick to it! Citation and Publication Manuals are available in print (books) in the LMU libraries (e.g. the Amerikanistik and Anglistik Libraries in Schellingstraße 3) and the BSB.

a. MLA
   Some universities give online advice on formatting MLA style:
   Cornell University: http://www.library.cornell.edu/resrch/citmanage/mla Purdue University: http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/
b. Chicago Manual of Style → online!
   http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html
c. LMU Anglistik →follow the „Stilblatt" http://www.anglistik.uni-muenchen.de/service_downloads/index.html
d. American Psychological Association (APA) →sometimes used in (psycho)linguistics

10. <u>Plagiarism</u>

Don't do it.

Promise you didn't do it with any written work you hand in to be graded: Attach the "Plagiatserklärung" and sign it!
Get it here:
http://www.amerikanistik.uni-muenchen.de/files/plagiarism_statement.pdf (English)
http://www.amerikanistik.uni-muenchen.de/files/plagiat.pdf (German)