

Feedforward Instruction in Legal Research and Writing Courses

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Reviewer's Summary:

Marks explains the principle of Feedforwarding, a concept of providing the desired outcomes for a project/assignment prior to the deadline (rather than afterward as *feedback*). Through the example of a research log (found in Appendix A), Marks provides the summary of how the feedforward exercise (found in Appendix B) was assigned, the process the students went through to review and critique "past examples" and how this critique led students to understand the research log assignment in a more fundamental way. Marks' case study provides a great example, while serving a springboard for a critique of the feedforwarding model, and tips for generalizing the model for any type of assignment or class.

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