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For those whose student days reside in mature memories, it was like mining for gold: sifting through mounds of material, searching for a nugget, hoping to unearth an information mother lode.

Toiling on a term paper meant rummaging about musty library stacks, juggling piles of handwritten note cards, extracting gems from obscure sources. This mandatory, mind-stretching exercise demanded academic discipline, developed intellectual “muscle”, even garnered an occasional glittering grade.

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