Research and Citation

How to locate, incorporate, and cite sources

Where to look:

- Databases
  - SCC students have access to databases through the library homepage
  - Each database has unique features
  - Some databases are specific to certain subjects
  - Not all databases offer full-text documents

Where to look:

- Websites
  - Sites that end in .org, .gov, and .edu are the most reputable
  - Newspaper sites are usually good places to find information
  - Corporate sites can be useful
  - Wikipedia **is not** a valid source
  - Avoid personal web pages and blogs

Where to look:

- Print sources
  - Books
  - Peer reviewed journals
  - Newspaper articles
  - Encyclopedias
  - Dissertations, Master's Theses, Research papers (when written by researchers in the field)

How to quote sources:

- Paraphrase
  - Give your reader the gist of the author's idea or opinion
- Direct quote
  - Block quote (4+ lines or 40+ words depending on the citation style)
  - Single sentence or phrase
  - Part of a sentence or phrase

How to punctuate quotes:

- When quoting a sentence or phrase:
  - Put the sentence in quotation ("") marks
  - If using only part of a sentence use ellipsis (…)
  - If you are quoting a quote within a quote sentence/phrase use single quote (' ') mark around the secondary quote
    - EX. "Peggy Orenstein . . . admits that those who graduate from all-girls schools 'describe themselves as more independent and assertive than their peers who attended coeducational schools.' "

How to punctuate quotes:

- When quoting whole paragraphs
  - Indent from left
  - Check the style guide relevant to your paper to see if it should be double or single spaced
  - Note: some styles ask that the quote be indented from the left and right (justified)
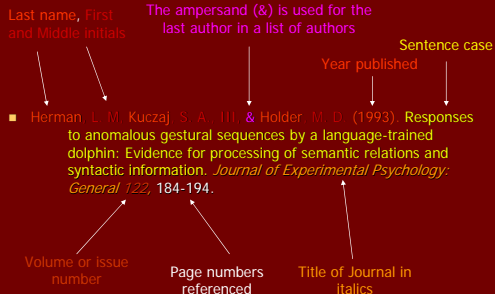
How to punctuate quotes:

- When quoting poetry:
  - To quote a small portion use a forward slash (/) to separate verses
  - To quote a portion longer than 4 lines use the same method as quoting whole paragraphs

APA Citation

- References should be in alphabetical order
- Titles of works will be in sentence case
- Author's name should be listed as last name first, then first initial of first name, and initial of middle name
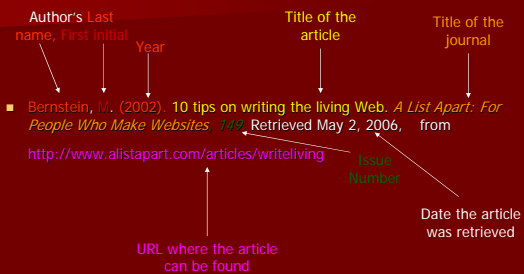 - Smith, J.D.

Sample APA Citation: Periodical

Last name, First and Middle initials

The ampersand (&) is used for the last author in a list of authors

Sentence case

Year published

- Herman, L. M, Kuczaj, S. A., III, & Holder, M. D. (1993). Responses to anomalous gestural sequences by a language-trained dolphin: Evidence for processing of semantic relations and syntactic information. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General 122,* 184-194.

Volume or issue number

Page numbers referenced

Title of Journal in italics

Book

Authors

Year published

Book title

- Beck, C. A. J., & Sales, B. D. (2001). *Family mediation: Facts, myths, and future prospects.* Washington DC: American Psychological Association.

City of publication

Publication company

Article from an online journal

Author's Last name, First initial

Year

Title of the article

Title of the journal

- Bernstein, M. (2002). 10 tips on writing the living Web. *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites, 149,* Retrieved May 2, 2006, from http://www.alistapart.com/articles/writeliving

Issue Number

Date the article was retrieved

URL where the article can be found

Article from a database

Authors   Year   Title

Issue and volume number

- Smyth, A. M., Parker, A. L., & Pease, D. L. (2002). A study of enjoyment of peas. *Journal of Abnormal Eating, 8* (3). Retrieved February 20, 2003, from PsycARTICLES database.

Date retrieved

Database where you found the article

Newspaper article found online

Date of the article (year, month day)

Title of the article

Author

- Parker-Pope, T. (2008, May 6). Psychiatry handbook linked to drug industry. *The New York Times.* Retrieved from

  http://www.nytimes.com

URL of the newspaper

Title of the newspaper

Website

- Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). *Title of document.* Retrieved month day, year (only if the text may potentially change over time), from http://Web address

- When an Internet document is more than one Web page, provide a URL that links to the home page or entry page for the document. Also, if there isn't a date

  available for the document use (n.d.) for no date.

MLA Citation

- References should be in alphabetical order
- Titles of works will be in title format
- Author's name should be listed as last name first, then first name, and initial of middle name
  - Smith, John D.

Sample MLA Citation: Periodical

Author last + first name + middle initial

Journal names are always underlined

- Last, First M. "Title of Article." Title of Periodical Day Month Year: pages.

Titles are always in title format and surrounded by " "

Book

Any name after the primary author is written First name then last name

Use "and" instead of "&"

- Gillespie, Paula, and Neal Lerner. The Allyn and Bacon Guide to Peer Tutoring. Boston: Allyn, 2000.

Publisher

Year of publication

Place of publication

Book with more than three authors

Et al. is for lists of more than three authors and comes after the name of the primary author

- Wysocki, Anne Frances, et al. Writing New Media: Theory and Applications for Expanding the Teaching of Composition. Logan, UT: Utah State UP, 2004.

Article from an online journal

Title

- Wheelis, Mark. "Investigating Disease Outbreaks Under a Protocol to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention." Emerging Infectious Diseases 6.6 (2000): 33 pars. 8 May 2006 <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/vol6no6/wheelis.htm>.

Volume #
(if available)

Page or paragraph #s (if available)

Date accessed (day month year)

URL

Article from a database

Database name

Publication Date

- Smith, Martin. "World Domination for Dummies." Journal of Despotry Feb. 2000: 66-72. Expanded Academic ASAP. Gale Group Databases. Purdue University Libraries, West Lafayette, IN. 19 Feb. 2003 <http://www.infotrac.galegroup.com>.

Page #s

Database service name

Date accessed

Library name + city, state

Database URL

News article found online

News article title

Newspaper title

- Bernstein, Mark. "10 Tips on Writing The Living Web." A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites. No. 149 (16 Aug. 2002). 4 May 2006 <http://alistapart.com/articles/writeliving>.

URL

Date accessed

Sample MLA Citation: Website

Name of website

Page author (if there is any)

Date of posting or last update

- Felluga, Dino. Guide to Literary and Critical Theory. 28 Nov. 2003. Purdue University. <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/english/theory>. 10 May 2006

URL

Date accessed

Organization/insti tution associated with the website

Resources

- The OWL at Purdue
  - http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/
  - All examples for this workshop came from OWL
  - Great comprehensive guide for both MLA and APA
- MLA Style Manual
- APA Style Manual