

Online Resources for Ms. Cota's Psychology Mini-Study Assignment

Databases:

1. Gale Virtual Reference Library: from PHS Library webpage

<http://www.piedmont.k12.ca.us/phs/library/> Follow these instructions:

- Click **Databases**
- Click **Gale Virtual Reference Library**
- Then click **proceed**
- Click the **Select All** button - this will search the entire database
- **Enter keywords** for your topic (i.e. "teenagers and sleep")
- Hit **Search**
- Results are groups into "**Content Types**" on the left side of page. These include magazines, reference books, academic journals, newspapers and more. Be sure to look at results in all categories.
- **Limit your results** by subject, document type or publication title from the drop down arrows on the left.
- **Enter alternative search terms** if you are not getting useful results, i.e. "adolescents" rather than "teenagers"
- **To cite articles**, click "citation tools" from the box in the upper right corner. Select **MLA 7th** edition, then click save and open. Copy and paste this citation directly into your Works Cited page.

2. Wilson Web Science Full Text Select: from the PHS library website, click Databases

- Select **Wilson Web Science Full Text Select**
- The search screen defaults to an advanced search
- Enter your keywords and click search
- To read the articles, click "Full Text HTML" or "Full Text PDF"
- To cite articles, click the "cite" button. Copy and paste the **MLA 7th** edition citation directly into your Works Cited list.

IMPORTANT!

- To access these databases from computers off campus, you will need to use passwords which are found on p. 7 of your student organizer.
- **Before printing articles from any database, make sure you hit the printer friendly button. This formats the article to fit on an 8½ x 11 sheet of paper. Print long articles at home!**

Internet Searching Tips

Google Scholar:

- From the Google main page, scroll the top tabs to "more" and, from the drop down arrow, select "Scholar"
- Enter your search terms and Google Scholar will return results from scholarly journals. Not all will be full text.
- If you see a title that looks like it will be helpful but the article is not available full text, click the "Cited By" button underneath to retrieve more articles related to your topic.

Psychology Websites

American Psychological Association

<http://www.apa.org/>

National Institute of Mental Health

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/>

Medline

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

<http://www.healthfinder.gov>

Go Ask Alice: Columbia University's Q & A Internet Service

<http://www.goaskalice.columbia.edu/>