CLRC Writing Skills Workshop: The Research Process & MLA and APA Citation

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Student Learning Outcomes

After attending this workshop, students should be able to do the following:

- Create a writing plan for a research paper.
- Locate and follow MLA or APA guidelines as required.
- Access research resources online and at the library.
Brainstorm current questions

- What do you know about MLA and APA citation?
- What questions do you have about the research process? About citation?
- What research assignments do you have this semester? What do you find most challenging when approaching a research assignment?
The Research Process

- Writing and Research Process Timeline:
  - Make a research plan along with your writing plan.
  - Work with a reference librarian early on.

- What do I have to cite?
  - Review examples on “To Cite or Not to Cite” handout.
  - What is considered common knowledge?
Creating Citations

What are “MLA” and “APA” and when do I have to use them?

- MLA: Modern Language Association
  - Use in humanities courses, such as English, philosophy, and fine arts.

- APA: American Psychological Association
  - Use in social science courses, such as psychology, sociology, and education.
Creating Citations

- Work in groups and complete the following:
  - Decide whether you want to create an MLA or APA citation.
  - Complete the Document Citation Information Form using a resource, yours or one provided.
  - Create a MLA or APA Works Cited / References entry for that resource, as well as an in-text citation.
How do I start?

- What resources are available to me in the Luria Library?
  - EBSCOhost and the databases
  - Print and electronic resources

- What does a reference librarian do?

- When should I meet with a reference librarian?
Thank you

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