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Assignment #2 – Exercise

Submit to DIAL using the OGS Assignment Template to create a document containing the following:

1. Obtain a library card from one local municipal library and one university or college

library. Insert a picture of the library card into your Assignment document.

2. Locate and establish a working relationship with one research librarian in each library.

Provide the name and location of the libraries and research librarians you selected.

3. Practice your online research skills in ProQuest, Google Scholar, Google Books, and

and Open Access These and Dissertations to create a starter Works Cited reference list

in APA 7 format.

a. Use the OGS Library User’s Guide (2020) RESEARCH DATABASE

PASSWORDS to access the ProQuest database. Find a research journal article

related to a topic of interest. Download it and provide an APA formatted

bibliographic reference for the article: Last Name, First name initials. (Year).

Article title in sentence case. Journal Title, Vol.#(Issue #), pp. page range.

Double spaced in a .5 inch hanging indent.

b. Use Google Scholar (https://scholar.google.com) Find a research journal article

related to a topic of interest. Download it and provide an APA formatted

bibliographic reference for the article like the ProQuest article.

c. Use Google Books (https://books.google.com) and find a book within the last 5

years about a topic of interest. Download it and provide an APA formatted

bibliographic reference for the book: Last Name, First name initials. (Year). Book

title in sentence case and italicized. Publisher. Double spaced in a .5 inch

hanging indent.

d. Use Open Access These and Dissertations (https://oatd.org) find a dissertation

within the last 5 years about a topic of interest. Download it and provide an APA

formatted bibliographic reference for the dissertation: Last Name, First name

initials. (Year). Dissertation title in sentence case and italicized. [Doctoral

Dissertation] Name of School. Double spaced in a .5 inch hanging indent.

Hello Dr. Ward,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to provide you with an update on my progress with the assignment tasks.

While working on obtaining library cards from local municipal and university libraries, I encountered some difficulties. Unfortunately, due to residency requirements, I was able to obtain a library card from the local municipal library here in Maryland, but they did not do higher education research. Additionally, as I am not affiliated with any academic institution in Maryland, obtaining a library card from university libraries proved challenging.

However, I want to assure you that I still have access to research databases through Arkansas State University, as evidenced by the attached verification from my master's program. Although this grants me access to valuable resources, it does not provide a physical library card or establish a working relationship with a librarian in Maryland.

Despite this setback, I have made progress on other aspects of the assignment. I have thoroughly reviewed the developmental readings from seminal sources and scholarly peer-reviewed journal articles, extracting key insights into hermeneutics, policy change, and advocacy. These readings have provided a comprehensive understanding of the theoretical frameworks and practical approaches relevant to our assignment.

Furthermore, I have begun crafting comments integrating quotes or paraphrases from the readings, essential elements, additive/variant analysis, and contextualization. This process has enabled me to synthesize the knowledge gained from the readings and apply it effectively to our assignment objectives.

I am fully committed to completing all aspects of the assignment to the best of my ability. I am exploring alternative methods for accessing resources and will keep you updated on any developments in this regard.

Thank you for your understanding and support as I navigate through these tasks. Your guidance is greatly appreciated, and I am confident that I will overcome this hurdle and successfully fulfill the requirements of the assignment.

Warm regards,

James Hollywood III



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**Books:**

<https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/reference_list_books.html>

Author, A. A. (Year of publication). Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle. Publisher Name. DOI (if available)

**Articles:**

<https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/reference_list_articles_in_periodicals.html>

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year). Title of article. Title of Periodical, volume number(issue number), pages. https://doi.org/xx.xxx/yyyy

**Dissertations (scroll down to theses & dissertations):**

<https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/reference_list_other_print_sources.html>

Lastname, F. M. (Year). Title of dissertation/thesis (Publication No.) [Doctoral dissertation/Master’s thesis, Name of Institution Awarding the Degree]. Database or Archive Name.

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