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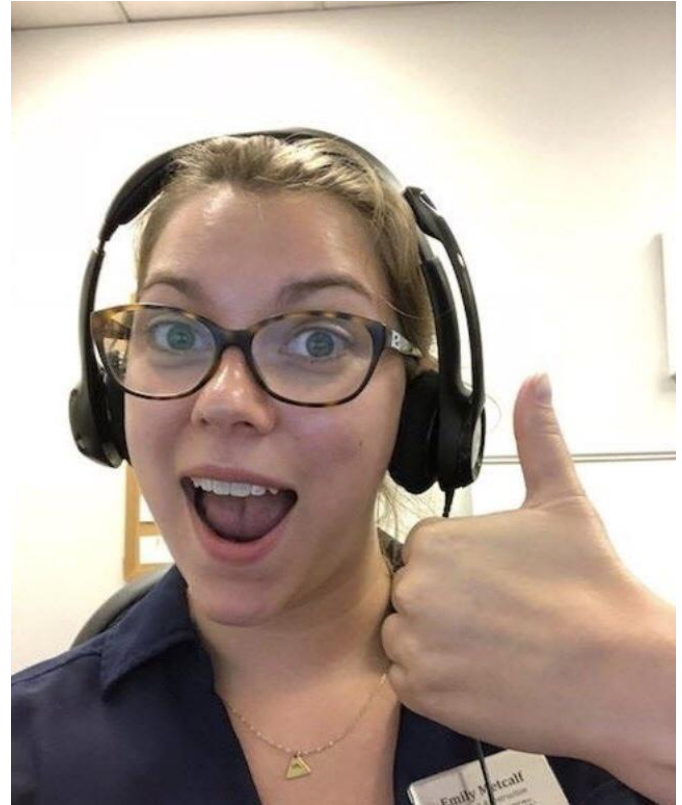
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I'm Emily, your librarian!

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- Can help with
 - Brainstorming topics and questions
 - Finding sources
 - Evaluating sources



Agenda

- Reading scholarly sources
 - Where to start
 - What to skip
 - How to take notes
- Evaluating online sources
 - SIFT method:
 - Stop
 - Investigate
 - Find the information elsewhere
 - Track claims
- Integrating sources into your writing

On a scale of Baby Yoda, how are you feeling today?

How are you feeling?



How to read scholarly sources: order to read in

- Start with title and abstract
 - The abstract is just a summary, this is where you can tell if the article will be useful to you.
 - Massive time saver to read the abstract before diving into the article!
- Read the introduction and background
 - This is where the authors will explain why they did their research and will give you insight into the topic you've chosen
- Read the conclusion or discussion
 - Here you'll learn what the authors discovered in their research and how it interacts with their field of study more broadly
- Get into the methods and results to learn more deeply
 - This is where you'll learn how they did their research and the nitty-gritty details of what they discovered. These are important pieces, but they can be very complicated so it's okay if you don't totally understand everything they talk about.

How to read scholarly sources: what to do

- Grab the article's citation and take notes underneath that citation
 - This way you'll always know where you got your information from
- Copy and paste useful quotes and make a note of the exact phrasing and page number
 - This will help you paraphrase the quote later on and help you cite it properly
- Look up words you don't know
 - You don't have to understand 100% of what you read, but knowing the language used when talking about your subject will help you write about it later on

Notes:

- Not every article will have an abstract, background, intro, methods, results, discussion, and conclusion. These are common in research articles, but not all articles will look the same.
- This is how I go about reading and taking notes, it is not the “correct” way, it’s just an option to help you stay organized while you’re searching, reading, and writing.
- If you already have a way of reading articles and taking notes that works for you- stick with that! This is just an option for anyone who isn’t sure how to begin.

How to evaluate online sources: SIFT Method

- **Stop:** evaluate how you're feeling, how the source you've found makes you feel.
 - If the source is confirming what you believe, don't accept it as true right away. Keep evaluating the source. If the source is making a claim you disagree with, don't rule it out right away either. This might be a chance for you to learn something new or change your mind when you learn more information. Keep evaluating the source.
- **Investigate:** learn more about the source of information
 - Google the author and google the source of information. Often wikipedia has a lot of information about the source that the source might not present on their own website.
- **Find:** find better coverage of the same information
 - Is the information provided in a more reliable source? Is it repeated in a similar way across other trustworthy sources?
- **Trace:** trace original claims back to their sources
 - If the source you find cites and article or an interview or a news report, go find that original source and use that instead. This minimizes the risks of finding mistakes in retellings of the original information.

How to Integrate Sources into your Writing

1. Introduce your source
2. Integrate the information
3. Connect the information to the point you're trying to make
4. Cite the sources

Does NOT have to be in this order!

Introduce your source

- Mention the author's name or the institution they work for or the website or some combination of these
 - President of the United States, Joseph Biden, says, etc.
- You could also introduce your source by giving a brief summary or description
 - In a report focused on mental health in adolescents, the National Institute of Health described, etc.
- Example from our scholarly article:
 - Researchers from IBP University in Indonesia report, etc.
 - Researchers Anasuyari, Latifa, and Yuliati studied the impact of Covid-19 on adolescents' mental health.

Integrate the information

- Quote

- In remarks made in 2014 by Joe Biden, then the Vice President of the United States, “Corruption is just another form of tyranny.”

- Paraphrase

- Actual quote: “For many adults who have mental disorders, symptoms were present—but often not recognized or addressed—in childhood and adolescence.”
- Paraphrase: Adults with mental health disorders may have experienced symptoms as children and adolescents.

- Summary

- In Mary Shelley’s novel *Frankenstein*, a scientist attempts to create life using the body parts of corpses.

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Connect the information

- Connect the information to the point you're trying to make
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- Example from our scholarly article:
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