APA Style Guidelines for Film Analysis

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1. If you are using ideas or concepts that come from an article you’ve read or even a class lecture you need to provide a citation in the text to show where the idea comes from. In psychology papers we use REFERENCES rather than a bibliography. This means that everything you refer to in the text must have a full citation in the References, and everything in your References must be mentioned at least once in the text.

2. How to cite references in text:

   a. When referring to an article for the first time you are supposed to cite all of the authors and give the year.

      Example: Smith, Jones and Croft (1993) examined the relationship between gender role expectations and…

      Or: One study that examined the relationship between gender role expectations and … (Smith, Jones, & Croft, 1993).

   b. In subsequent references to this article you use the phrase et al. if there are more than two authors.

      Example: Smith et al., (1993) also examined the relationship between gender role expectations and…

      Or: One study that examined the relationship between gender role expectations and … (Smith et al., 1993).

   c. If you include quotations, need to provide the reference and the page # (115 in the example)

      Example: “You should only be quoting if the idea is very complicated and there is no way to put it into your own words” (McAuslan, 2012, 115)

   d. If you don’t have a specific reference for something but it is clearly something that we’ve discussed in class just use (Interpersonal Lecture, 2014).
3. How to format References:

   a. Final page of your paper will be references. This does not count in the page count so you need 7-10 pages before the references. Start the page with References centered at the top of the page.

   b. To refer to a journal article follow this format:

   Smith, A.B., Jones, C.D., & Croft, E.F. (year). Title of article capitalizing on the first word unless there are proper names like United States: If there is a colon start this part with a cap too. *Name of Journal*, 32, 110-115.

      - 32 is the volume # for the journal – note it is underlined
      - 110-115 are the page #s for the journal
      - ends with a period

   c. To refer to a chapter in an edited book follow this format:


      - Author of chapter the same as article
      - Title of chapter same as article
      - The way you cite the editors, initials first
      - Book title is underlined followed by the page #s for chapter
      - Where publisher is located
      - Name of publisher
      - Ends with a period

   d. To refer to an entire book:


      - Author(s) of book same as article
      - Book title is underlined – no page #s necessary
      - Where publisher is located
      - Name of publisher
      - Ends with a period