

Lesson 12: Lecture Notes

Imagine you've been assigned a research paper for your psychology class (or maybe you don't have to imagine, because you have!). You need information on sensory perception, but where do you find credible information?

The first thing you should do is review your assignment to make sure you know your purpose. Are you supposed to define sensory perception, analyze the different theories about it, or make an argument to persuade your audience of something.

Also, be sure you understand what the specific research expectations are: How many sources do you need? Does your instructor require specific sources, like academic journals or is it okay to use magazine articles and web sites? Again, make sure you understand your assignment, and if you don't understand, ask questions in class or meet with your instructor after class or during his or her office hours

A great way to find a variety of articles is through Lunder library's subscription resources:

<http://www.kvcc.me.edu/Library/>

Click on "Search Online Resources" and follow the instructions.

These subscription resources are collections of articles from newspapers, magazines and academic journals. As you can see, there are a variety of subscription resources to use. Some of them are focused on a particular subjects like "The Nursing Reference Center" while others are more general like "Academic Search Complete." Familiarize yourself by clicking on a few of these resources.

Now, go to the subscription resource called "Academic Search Complete." Type in "Sensory Perception" and find a credible article from an academic journal. Look for the "Cite" button to show you how to create a citation for your References or Works Cited page.

See page 455 in the Wadsworth Handbook for a sample APA style research paper. See page 425 for a sample MLA style research paper.