# Part 2: Reference summaries (10 points/ 10% of the final grade)

# Due date: end of Week 4 by 11:59 PM ET

**Create a reference list of at least 5 scholarly sources** that you will use in your presentation. At least 2 of your references should have been published within the past two years. References should use APA format. For assistance with APA format, visit the UMGC library site at the following link: <https://sites.umgc.edu/library/libhow/gethelp-citing.cfm>

**Finding scholarly sources**

Being an informed consumer of social research is an important skill. At UMGC, we are fortunate to have access to an extensive collection of journals, periodicals and books, but what do you do when you don’t have an academic library? Google it, of course! Google Scholar is readily available to anyone with access to the Internet. Simply open <http://scholar.google.com> and type in your search words.

For this part of the applied final project, you will use the UMGC library databases or Google Scholar to:

* Locate 5 scholarly or credible sources on your chosen topic
* At least two of your articles must have been published within the past 2 years.
* Locate at least **1 article that addresses your topic from the perspective of a different country or culture**
* Locate at least **1 article related to policy** (i.e. what policies exist, are being considered, or are needed to address your issue)

What is a scholarly or credible source? For your project, you should be relying on sources that have credibility. Appropriate sources would be articles written by experts in the field, articles found in peer-reviewed journals, published documents from well-known research groups  (e.g. Pew Research), and reports published by government agencies (e.g. NIH, CDC). Inappropriate sources would include popular websites (e.g. about.com, ehow.com, Wikipedia) or media outlets (e.g. Fox, MSNBC, WSJ, NY Times, Forbes, etc.). These sources do not always accurately report their findings and are sometimes prone to bias. If a website or article fails to report the credentials of the author and does not provide citations for the information contained in the article, chances are it is not a scholarly source and therefore should not be used.

For more information, the UMGC Library has more information on how to evaluate your sources available at: <http://www.umgc.edu/library/libhow/how_evaluate.cfm>

Submit a summary of each article using the worksheet that follows. In your own words, identify the key findings of the article. Do not simply state what the article was about (e.g. "This article talks about cyberbullying."). What specific information did you learn from your source? (e.g. "Cyberbullying has become a popular means of abuse among teenagers, affecting about half of all young people.") The purpose of this summary is to prove that you have actually read and understood each of your sources. Your summaries should be 2-3 paragraphs in length. Do NOT simply copy and paste the abstract or any other part of your source! This is plagiarism and is a violation of university policy.

The purpose of this assignment is to 1) ensure that you are using appropriate, scholarly sources, and 2) to make sure you are on track for your final presentation to the class.

Complete and save the worksheet as a document or .pdf or in rich text format and submit as an attachment in your assignments folder.

**Reference Summary Worksheet**

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| **Reference 1 – Cross-cultural reference** | |
| Citation in APA format |  |
| Key findings  *In 2-3 paragraphs, summarize the main findings in your source.* |  |
| How do you know that this is a credible/scholarly source? |  |
| **Reference 2 – Policy reference** | |
| Citation in APA format |  |
| Key findings  *In 2-3 paragraphs, summarize the main findings in your source.* |  |
| How do you know that this is a credible/scholarly source? |  |
| **Reference 3** | |
| Citation in APA format |  |
| Key findings  *In 2-3 paragraphs, summarize the main findings in your source.* |  |
| How do you know that this is a credible/scholarly source? |  |
| **Reference 4** | |
| Citation in APA format |  |
| Key findings  *In 2-3 paragraphs, summarize the main findings in your source.* |  |
| How do you know that this is a credible/scholarly source? |  |
| **Reference 5** | |
| Citation in APA format |  |
| Key findings  *In 2-3 paragraphs, summarize the main findings in your source.* |  |
| How do you know that this is a credible/scholarly source? |  |