APA Outline

Purpose:	Information:
In-text citation when paraphrasing	One researcher found students do better on research papers when they work with a librarian (Li, 2016). In her research, Li (2016) found students do better on research papers when they work with a librarian.
In-text citation when quoting	According to Li (2016), "consulting a librarian greatly benefits students writing research papers" (p. 103). One author states, "consulting a librarian greatly benefits students writing research papers" (Li, 2016, p. 103).
In-text citation for sources with no author	Give first few words of title in quotation marks and year: People who love writing read with a pen in their hand to… ("How Writers Read: A Reflection", 2015).
In-text citation for sources with 3+ authors	List first author: Arias et al. (2017) argues that help-seeking behavior is an indicator of long-term success.

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Outline Sample

Method/Results/Discussion

Sample and Participant Selection

Assessments and Measures

Life History

Measures of Intelligence

Important Demographics.

Significant Characteristics.

Limitations of the Study.

Conclusions and Prospects.

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Abstract

Briefly summarize your main points, outline your purpose and define any abbreviations and acronyms in 150-250 words…

Keywords: summarize, purpose, abbreviation, acronym

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