**HSB4U – Research Report**

**APA Referencing Guidelines**

Like a traditional essay you still have to give credit to the original source if you are using a quote/reference. However, instead of using footnotes you are using **In-Text Citations**, which are done with **parentheses** (brackets).

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| **Sample Citation:** The following rules/examples will be based on the following online journal article  Shields, J. (2013). Survivor as a tool for social studies. *Weldon Online, 55,* Retrieved  March 25, 2017, <www.weldononline.ca> |

**In-Text Citation Rules**

* Follow the author-date method of in-text citation, which means the author's last name and the year of publication is what appears in parenthesis. ***Example*:** (Shields, 2013)
* If citing an online source with no author use the title and the year ***Example*:** (Survivor as a tool for social studies, 2013)
* If citing a direct quote from a print source (book/magazine/etc.) also include the page number ***Example*:** (Shields, 2013, p. 14)
* If there are numerous authors use the following guideline:
* *One author*: (Shields, 2013)
* *Two authors*: (Shields & Bergman, 2013)
* *Three to five authors*:

First citation: (Shields, Bergman, Bew, & Quackenbush, 2013)

Subsequent citations: (Shields et al., 2013)

* *Six or more authors*: (Shields et al., 2013)
* For sources with no date use n.d. in your citation (Shields, n.d.)

**Referring to Works in Your Writing**

* If you refer to the title of a source within your paper, capitalize all words that are four letters long or greater within the title of a source. However, when you write that title into your references only capitalize the first word (***Example*** for In-Text: Survivor As a Tool for Social Studies, ***Example*** for Reference page: Survivor as a tool for social studies)
* When referring to titles of shorter works such as newspaper/magazine/journal articles in your paper use quotations and do not italicize (***Example***: “Survivor As A Tool For Social Studies”)
* When referring to titles of longer works such as books/films/etc. in your paper use italicize and do not use quotations (***Example***: *Challenge and Change: Patterns, Trends and Shifts in Society*)

**Examples**

1. Embed the author’s name in the opening phrase of the sentence and use parentheses to cite the year:

***Example*** – According to Shields (2013) *Survivor* is a valid tool for the introduction of social sciences to high school students, especially when considering its popularity and accessibility.

1. Use a full parenthetical citation after the sentence when referring to the work of the author, either by direct quote or paraphrasing:

***Example*** – Given both its popularity and accessibility, “*Survivor* is a valid tool in the introduction of the social sciences for students” (Shields, 2013).

*Note that in the above example the punctuation is outside of the parenthesis.*

1. For direct quotations of more than 40 words, display the quote as an indented block of text without quotation marks and include the authors’ names, year, and page number in parentheses at the end of the quote. ***Example:***

As our version of reality has shifted from the observable and

measurable ‘outside’ word to a world veiled by a screen, the way

we interpret reality must change as well. Even in the last 13 years

*Survivor* has gone from a simple game that dominated Wednesday

night ratings to a multi-media community. (Shields, 2013, p. 77)