

## Restoration & 18th Century Unit Assessment: Argument Paper Using Scholarly Research in APA Format

- ❑ Begin with freewriting to the quick write prompt on p. 484.
- ❑ Next, look to add to and develop a longer response to this prompt, including a connection to the historical background reading and scholarly research. The research for this assignment will be based on [scholarly sources](#) rather than websites.
- ❑ Find at least two published, peer-reviewed or edited sources using [Google Scholar](#) and/or the Michigan Electronic Library ([mel.org](#)) that add current perspective to your ideas. Directly reference these sources in your responsive writing using in-text citations.
- ❑ Record these sources in [APA format](#) in a bibliography at the end.
- ❑ Final response must be TYPED with a separate title page and references pages at the end.

### A top-scoring response will...

- Examine the prompt thoroughly while maintaining focus on one's thesis statement
- Connect one's ideas to research from the restoration unit historical background or historical knowledge of the era
- Explain one's own personal perspective on this topic clearly and adequately
- Be developed using the writing process--initial quickwrite writing is opening draft
- Effectively incorporate research from two scholarly sources,
- Use both quotes and paraphrases of source material.
- Include properly formatted in-text citations
- Include bibliography for these two sources in APA format
- Demonstrate command of language in the organization of ideas and the sophistication of word choice throughout the response; proofread carefully before submission

## Scholarly Research

This is an introduction to the type of research you'll likely need to do in college. However, if you're not attending college, most of this information will still be helpful for those times that you need to find in-depth, credible information on a topic. Although googling a topic and reading websites can be helpful for informal research, there is a whole other realm of research that college students are expected to use as the basis of their research for papers. These scholarly articles are typically found in the academic journals of various fields of studies. These articles are not usually found in normal Google searches. Two good ways to locate these sources are through [Google Scholar](#) and library databases such as [mel.org](#). Use the links below to learn about these resources and how to use them.

Use [this source](#) to answer questions 1 & 2 below.

1. Scholarly Articles--What are they?
2. Scholarly Articles--Why do you need them and what do they contain?

Where can you find scholarly articles?

- A. Google Scholar ([Video Explanation](#) and [Tips](#))
- B. Library databases [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CcqGU\\_s-xps](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CcqGU_s-xps)  
Why should you use a library database? <http://ask.lib.byu.edu/faq/244765>  
Where to find databases:  
Mel.org (<https://mel.org/welcome>) allows you to access many databases and is free for Michigan residents ([Video Explanation](#))  
Scroll down and find the section called "Academic Search Complete" or you could also use "Opposing Viewpoints in Context" and limit your search to academic journals in your chosen subject  
  
JSTOR is one database used by many colleges (<https://www.jstor.org/>). It contains some open access content; other content can be accessed through college logins or by paying \$ (take note: you do NOT need to pay to access any materials for this paper)
- C. Check the library website for a college of your choice or the college you plan to attend to see how it is set up. For example: GVSU databases <https://libguides.gvsu.edu/az.php>

### **Shortcut Advantage for Scholarly Sources:**

Note that Google Scholar and Mel.org usually provide citations in both MLA and APA format that you can copy and paste onto your Works Cited (MLA) or Reference (APA) page.

## **APA Format**

Some college departments or individual professors will require that you follow MLA format for papers; others will require APA format, CMS format, or possibly other formats. Your college library website will likely have links for the various formats, and the [OWL at Purdue](#) is an excellent resource. The following information will provide an introduction to APA format, which is the other most commonly used format in addition to MLA. APA will often be required for science and social science classes.

**OWL at Purdue:** [General Formatting for APA papers](#)

**Powerpoint on in-text citations:**

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/apa\\_style/apa\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/apa\\_powerpoint\\_slide\\_presentation.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/apa_powerpoint_slide_presentation.html)

Key slides: 18-25

**Reference page format** [\(follow these directions\)](#)

[Sample paper in APA format](#)

**MLA/APA Comparison Charts:**

<https://sscc.libguides.com/citations/mlavsapa>

<https://www.smsu.edu/resources/webspaces/campuslife/writingcenter/MLA%20APA%20Compare.pdf>