

Critical InfoSkills for 2nd Year Students

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You will be able to...

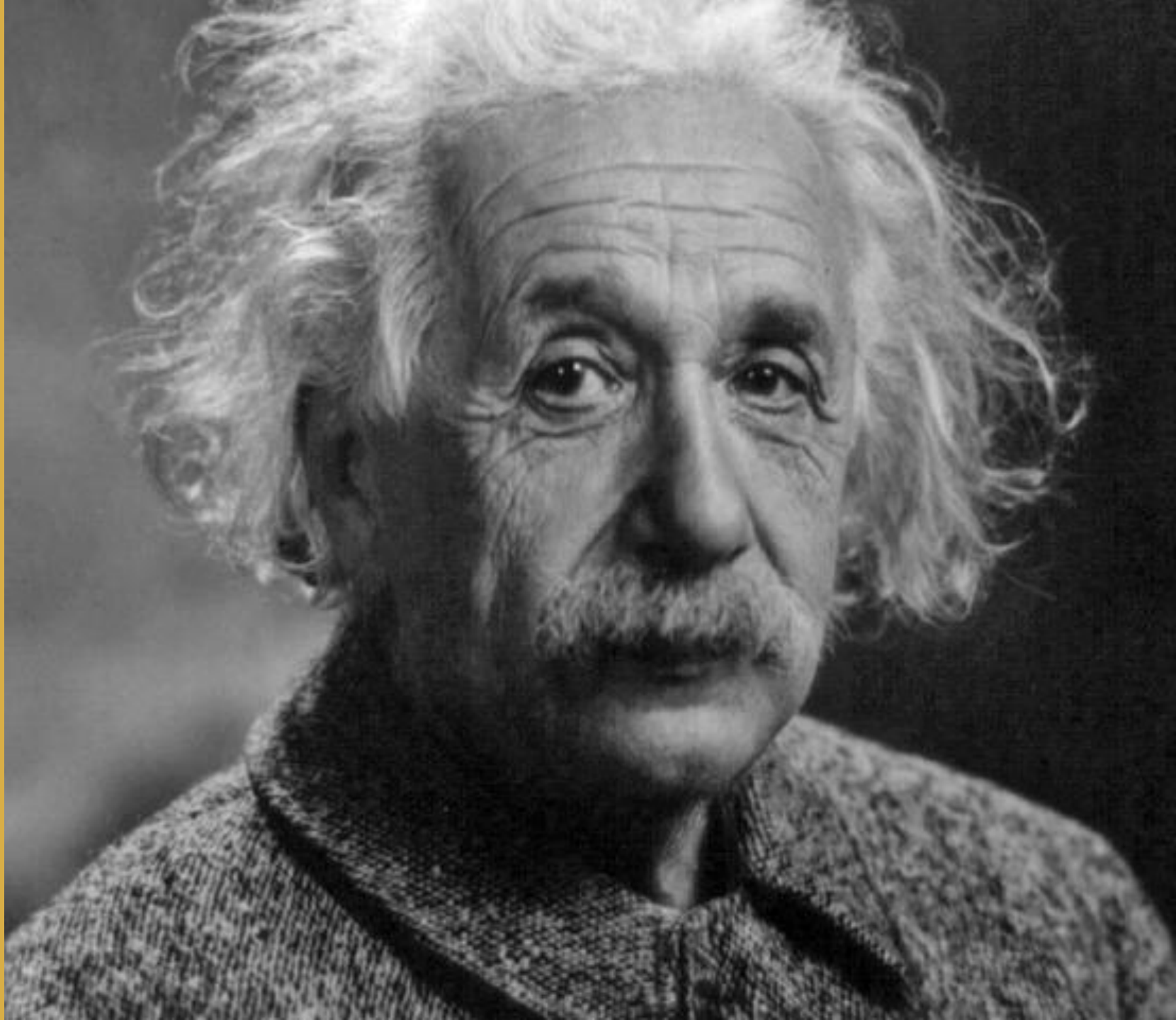
- Develop a search strategy
- Find research which is reliable, relevant and recent
- Organise your research
- Access further help



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*The only thing
you absolutely
need to know,
is the location
of the library ...*

Albert Einstein



The Basics

YouTube Video Tutorials:
UWTSD Library and Learning
Resources

- [Welcome to your library](#)
- Covid-19 Library Services
- [How to use the Online Library](#)
- Finding e-books & journal articles
- Saving resources and search queries
- [Menti](#)



Evaluating information

- Who
- What
- Where
- When
- Why



[Video: Evaluating Information Sources](#)

Library Search or Databases?

- More specialised content
- More controlled indexing
- Learn how to use resources available in the workplace



Searching databases

Top tips

- Plan your search strategy
- Create an account - additional functions; save and organise
- Be flexible - filter results; use new information to expand search
- **Investigate** what each database can do – eg. alerts, citation help, permalinks
- Look at the **Help** pages for guidance



Refresher: [Further Skills; Finding and Using Information](#)

Advanced: searching the internet

- ⑩ Use unique terms that are specific to your subject
- ⑩ Use “phrase searching” and the wildcard symbol *
- ⑩ Evaluate results
- ⑩ Use only trustworthy sites
- ⑩ Domain searching – add to your Google search:
 - [site:ac.uk](#) (Academic)
 - [site:gov.uk](#) (UK government)
 - [site:Wales.gov.uk](#) (Welsh government)
 - [site:sch.uk](#) (Schools)
 - [site:nhs.uk](#) (National Health Service)



**"The Best
Place to Hide
a Dead Body
is Page Two
of Google."**



[Open Access](#) materials are becoming increasingly important



Managing your information: APA Referencing

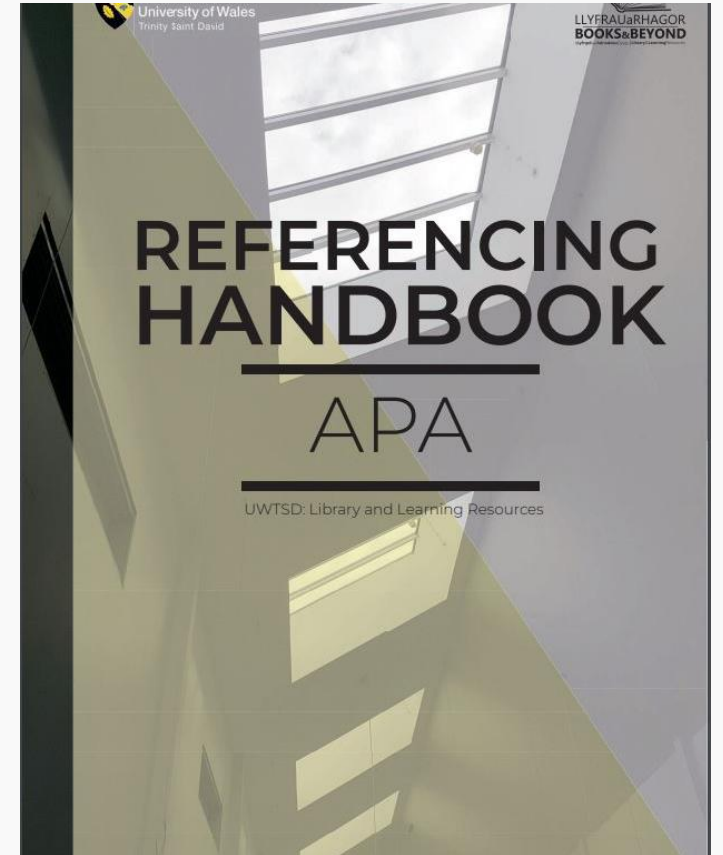
Referencing Handbook: APA

Handbook available via the library web pages

- Student Essentials – Referencing Handbooks
- Theory and practical examples

American Psychological Association. (2019). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed). American Psychological Association.

- Print 808.06615 PUB



Check ALL references

Managing your information: RefWorks

An online referencing management service

- Supported by the library
- Import references into a personal database
- Manage, store, and share references
- Insert references into assignments
- Generate formatted bibliographies



[RefWorks](#)

Online tutorial - [Managing your research with RefWorks](#)



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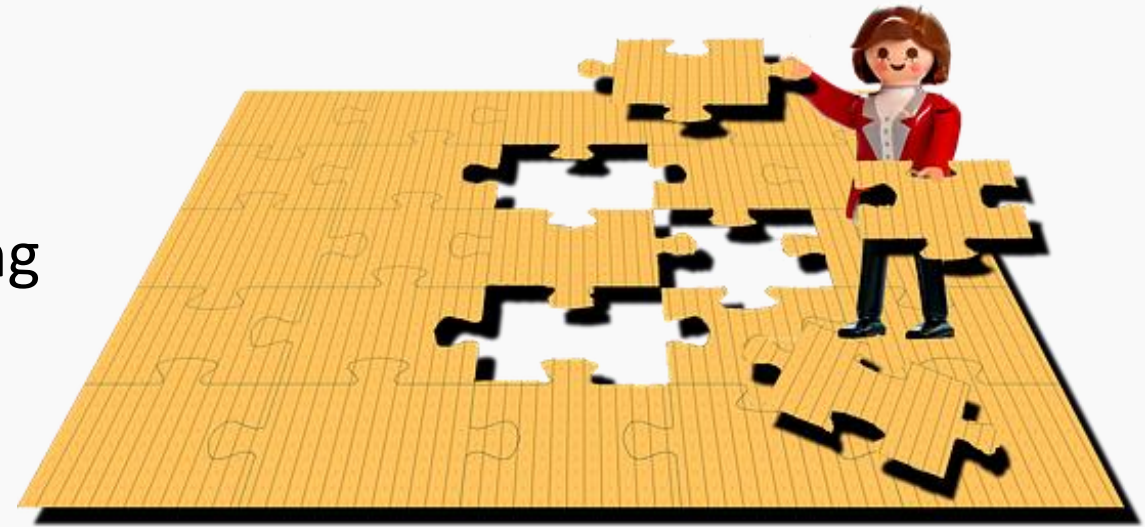


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Managing your information: Plan and Organise

Top tips

- Give yourself time to plan and amend your search strategy
- Evaluate your results critically
- Keep consistent records from the beginning
- Organise your results - consider online management tools
- Get on top of your referencing
- Ask for help



Help is always available

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