

The EDOK Descriptor **APA STYLE FOR EDOK**

The College of Education and Health Professions at the University of Arkansas has adopted the American Psychological Association (APA) writing style. In order to comply with these requirements, all bibliographies, article critiques, and papers must be APA style. The following information explains how the EDOK (Expert Distiller of Knowledge) follows the APA guidelines. I would suggest that you purchase a copy of the 2001 Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (5th ed.), which is also available in Mullins Library. APA style guidelines can also be found on the Internet, but students have discovered that not all questions are easily answered via the website or other sources.

Citation example for a peer-reviewed journal article as required for this class:

Bateman, B. E. (2008). Student teachers' attitudes and beliefs about using the target language in the classroom. *Foreign Language Annals, 41*(1), 11-28.

Article Critique/Summary

You will write three article critiques / summaries as part of your graded requirements. The purpose of the EDOK is to write a succinct evaluation of a piece of scholarly writing. For this class, I will direct you to the information that you will read. All EDOKs are typed, one-two page summaries with a reflective comment (reflection and application) of the articles. Use 12 pt Times New Roman and include a heading with your name, date, and article number (one, two, or three).

The required format follows:

EDOK (Expert Distiller of Knowledge)

The EDOK is a system that enables you to summarize articles in a succinct manner.

- ♣ **Bibliographic information:** Give a complete APA citation for the source as illustrated above.
- ♣ **Central theme:** State the central theme, concern, or argument of the author **and** the author's conclusion. Use your own words.
- ♣ **Main idea:** Each main idea, point, or position in the article should be stated in a **complete sentence**. Please do not use fragments. Use your own words.
- ♣ **Self-Evaluation:** State how the article applies to you as an emerging professional **and** how it relates to the class content. Use your own words. Note: "I like this article" is not sufficient.
- ♣ Papers should be well-edited for spelling, grammar, and punctuation.