APA Citation Shortcuts

In this video clip, we will be looking at how to use the citation shortcuts in three databases and OneSearch. In each example, I have already conducted a search and the results are displayed. I will be demonstrating using the APA citation format, but be sure to select the appropriate format for your assignment.

Our first example is in the online catalog, OneSearch. From the results page, you can see the “ quotation marks by each record. Clicking on the quotation marks will bring up citation shortcuts. You can also see the citation shortcuts when you are at the item level. Click on Copy Citation to Clipboard and paste it into your References page.

Our second example is from Education Research Complete. This is an EBSCO database. We have several databases from this vendor and they will all have the same functionality demonstrated here. There are two ways to see the citation shortcut. 1) By clicking on the title you will bring up the full record and you’ll see the cite option off to the right. Or 2) if you bring up the full text of a document, you’ll see the cite icon off to the right. You can highlight, copy, and paste your desired format into your document.

Our third example is from Educator’s Reference Complete (a Gale OneFile database). In this database, clicking on the article title will bring up the full text of the article. Above the article, you’ll see the Quotation Marks representing the Cite icon. Clicking on that brings up the citation tool. This defaults to MLA format. Using the dropdown menu brings up APA and Chicago formatting options. I’ll choose APA. Clicking the Select button highlights the citation, and I can use Control-C or Right Click the mouse and select Copy to copy the citation to insert into my References page.

Our final example is from a ProQuest database called Psychology Database. In this one, the cite option is off to the right when you are viewing an article. Ensure the citation style you need is displayed or use the dropdown menu to select another, then you can use the select button to highlight the citation and copy and paste it into your document.

Please note that the citations provided in the databases and the online catalog are not always 100% accurate, so you will want to review them carefully!