

## Reference Notecards

When doing research it is important to keep track of sources right from the start.

- Skim the source to see if it will be relevant to your topic
- If it is a book, consult the table of contents or index to find related information
- At the top of the note card, write down the reference using the style required for the course (APA, MLA, Chicago)
- Underneath, note in point form the specific topics the source covers
- Also note relevant page numbers and how you found the source

### Example reference note card (APA)

*Research paper topic:* How to write an academic paper

Walker, L.J. S. & Schönwetter, D.J. (2003). *Success secrets of university students*. Prentice-Hall.

See chapter 8: Academic Writing pp 173-197

Esp. acknowledging work of others and writing process

Great timeline (p. 184) & evaluation tool (p. 191)

Course textbook

\*\*note: when referencing, cite chapter author: L. Taylor