RefWorks – Under “Quick Links” on the library homepage, click the link for RefWorks. Use the dark blue link that says Use login from my institution and search for Rowan University. Login with your Rowan credentials.

Use RefWorks to collect your sources and create a bibliography. You can export sources from most databases, add your own, or input the works cited info for a source you found elsewhere. You can create folders in RefWorks for various classes, projects, or topics to collect your research in an organized fashion.

The ” icon at the top gives you the option to create a bibliography. When creating, be sure to type APA in the search box and choose APA 7 format.

Conducting Research
- Choose Database Finder from the library homepage.
- From the first drop down box, choose Writing Arts (or, for other classes, the subject/department you are working within). This will limit the databases to the most helpful options.
- Select a Database! The four demonstrated from class should provide all the info you need, but you are welcome to explore others.

1) Opposing Viewpoints – gives a broad overview of a topic including background and context, links to statistics, links to audio (NPR), periodicals, multiple perspectives, etc. Great starting point. You likely won’t cite the general information in your essay, but should include it in your Annotated Bibliography and may use some of the linked sources found below.

Use Citation Tools on the right to export your findings from Opposing Viewpoints to RefWorks.

2) Credo Reference – a reference database, similar to an encyclopedia, that can help give you background information to better understand your topic. Search your topic and browse the reference articles on the left side of the page. On the right, you will see a “mind map” that is also editable. Use the arrow to open the mind map, and if you click on other words, the map will re-center. Close the map to see a new list of articles centered around your new map. You likely won’t cite the general information in your essay, but may need it for your own knowledge and can include it in your Annotated Bibliography.

Use the Citation icon at the top of each article to export your findings to RefWorks.

3) ProQuest Central – multi-disciplinary database that contains info from a variety of fields. This is useful for topics and assignments from any class. Type one search term or phrase into each box and pay attention to the AND/OR/NOT options. Suggestion: scroll down to Source Type and check Blogs, Podcasts, & Websites and Magazines and Newspapers to limit your search for quality popular sources. After you search, you can use the limiters on the left to narrow the results, particularly by date.
Click the … link on the top right to export your findings from ProQuest to RefWorks. You don’t need to change anything in the pop up box; just select **Continue**.

4) **Academic Search Premier** – multi-disciplinary database that contains info from a variety of fields. This is useful for topics and assignments from any class. Type one search term or phrase into each box and pay attention to the AND/OR/NOT options. Use the limiters on the lower left to narrow down your findings. Most useful is the **Scholarly/Peer Reviewed box** to help you find higher quality sources and the date limiters.

When you click on a source you are interested in, always read the **abstract** (which is a summary) to see if the source is really in line with your project. If it is, look for the **Full Text PDF** link, usually on the left, or the option to request the Full Text.

Pay attention to the **Subject Terms** also – this can give you an idea of other language and search terms that might help in your research process.

Use the **Export** link on the right to export your findings from Academic Search Premiere to RefWorks.

**FOR HELP**
On the library homepage, there is a **HELP** option at the top. You can chat with a librarian, call, text, email, or go in person. While your professor can best help with questions about the assignment or your topics, the librarians are the research experts! Utilize them!

You can also email Samantha Kennedy at **kennedysd@rowan.edu** for help at any time!