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# Weeks of Hard Work

THE PROCESS OF  
MAKING A LIT REVIEW



Emily Moore CMST 204 Dean Scheibel

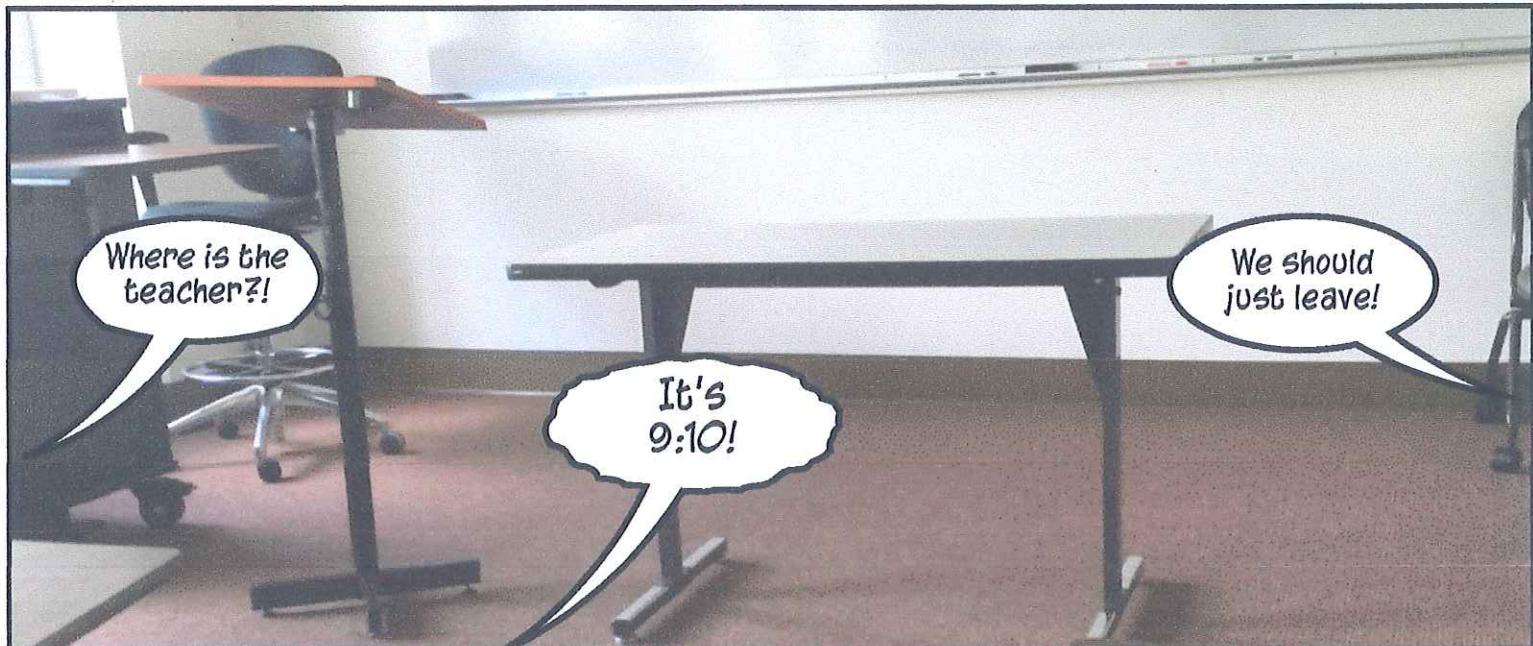




First day of class, we can't wait to start the semester!



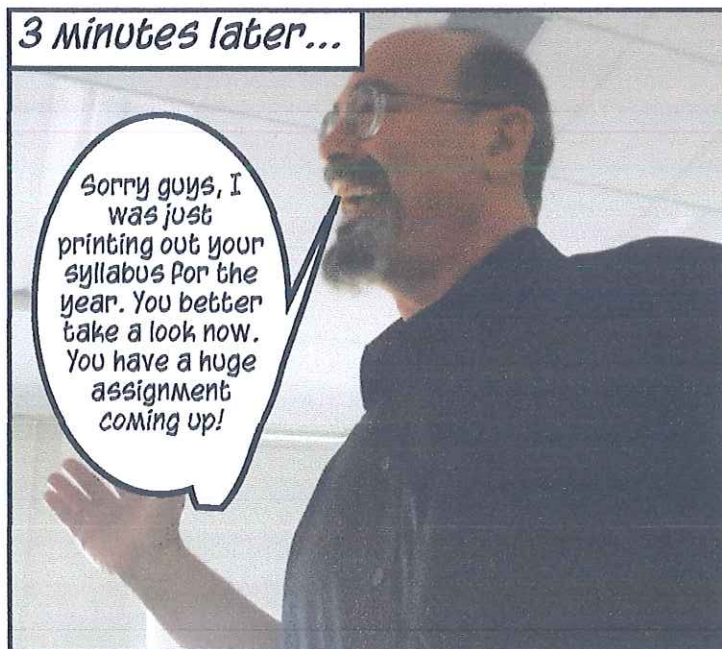
Everyone was excited to meet the teacher and start second semester off with a bang!



Where is the teacher?!

It's 9:10!

We should just leave!



3 Minutes later...

Sorry guys, I was just printing out your syllabus for the year. You better take a look now. You have a huge assignment coming up!

**DESCRIPTIONS OF ASSIGNMENTS**

**ARGUMENTS PAPER:** You analyze one quantitative study that is very related to your LITERATURE REVIEW. This paper will be one of your guides as you attempt to write your own literature review. This paper will teach you how to identify the author's arguments, which will be similar to the arguments YOU MAKE in your own literature review. This paper will also teach you to use APA CORRECTLY. This paper will also serve as a model for justifying and developing a RESEARCH QUESTION, which is result of the argument that is your literature review. Your paper does NOT answer the research question. Arguments paper is very hard.

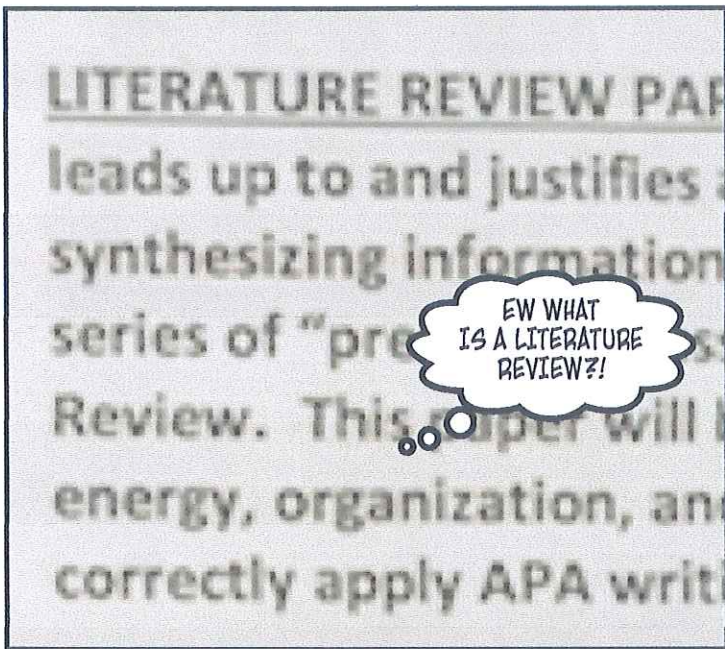
**LITERATURE REVIEW PAPER:** This paper will require that you construct an argument that leads up to and justifies a research question on a communication-related topic, one based on synthesizing information from (thirty (30) published academic journal research reports. A series of "preliminary assignments" (below) will move you closer to completing the Literature Review. This paper will be extremely difficult and will require incredible amounts of time, energy, organization, and emotional strength. And it will require that you understand and correctly apply APA writing guidelines.

**PRELIMINARY ASSIGNMENTS.** There will be numerous assignments that will help you prepare for researching and writing the Literature Review. These are in many different ways. Some are designed to demonstrate your knowledge of your topic; others are designed to help you collect arguments from research studies; these arguments will also be used in your literature review. Preliminary assignments will range from 0-50 points.

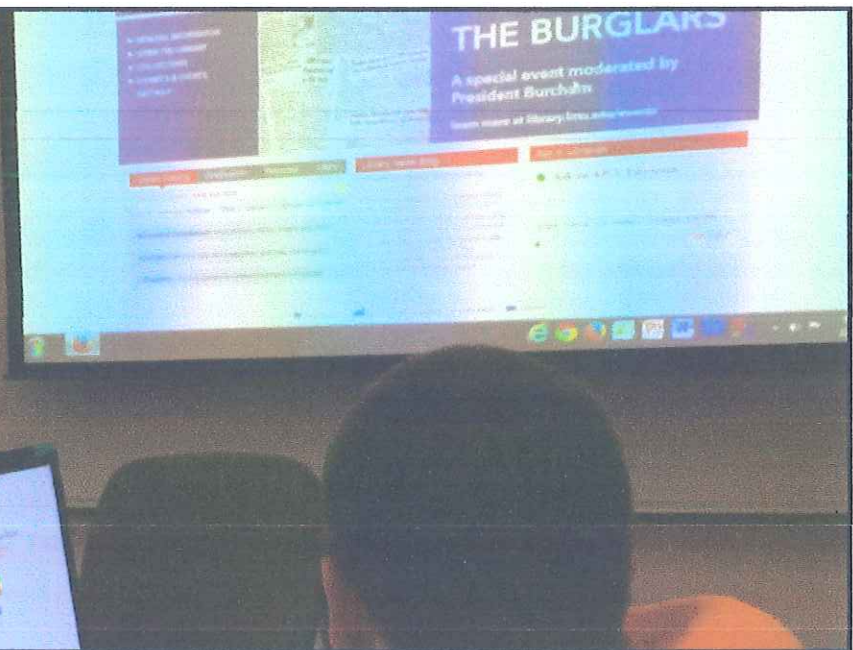
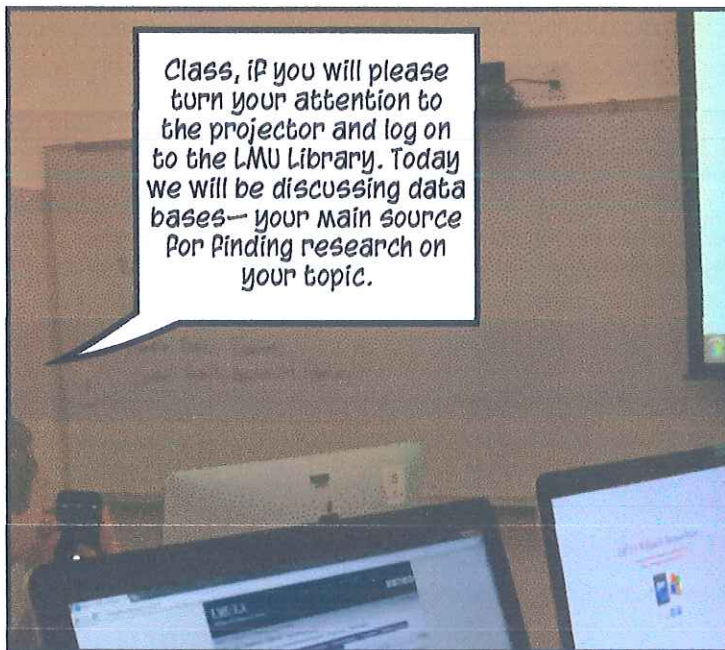
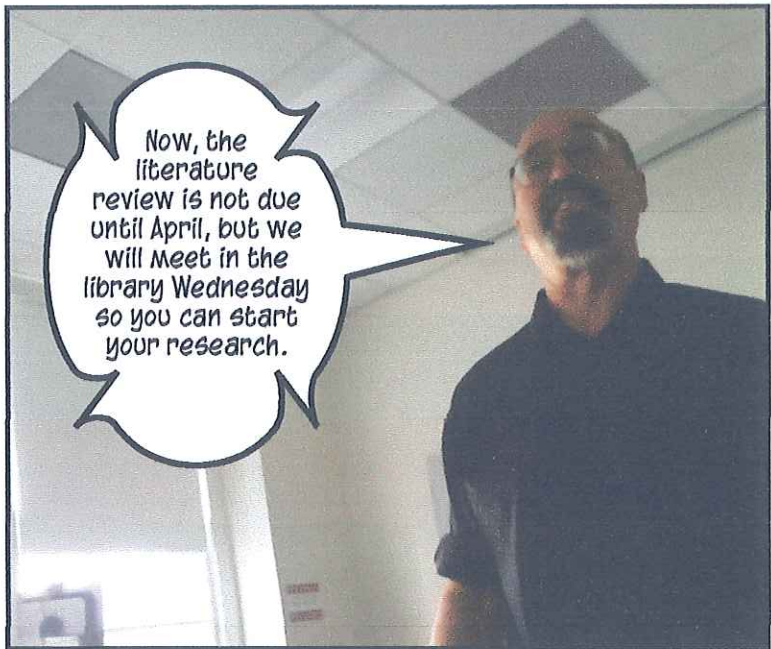
**CRITICAL REFLECTION COMIX:** You will describe and critique the stages of writing the literature review (e.g., the stages, the processes of what you did, things that you found challenging, boring, what was "cool," what "sucked," and what you learned about research and yourself). It should show your creativity, planning, and attention to detail. It should be worthy of posting on an ePortfolio so that future employers will think you are so cool that they will want to hire you.

Ugh

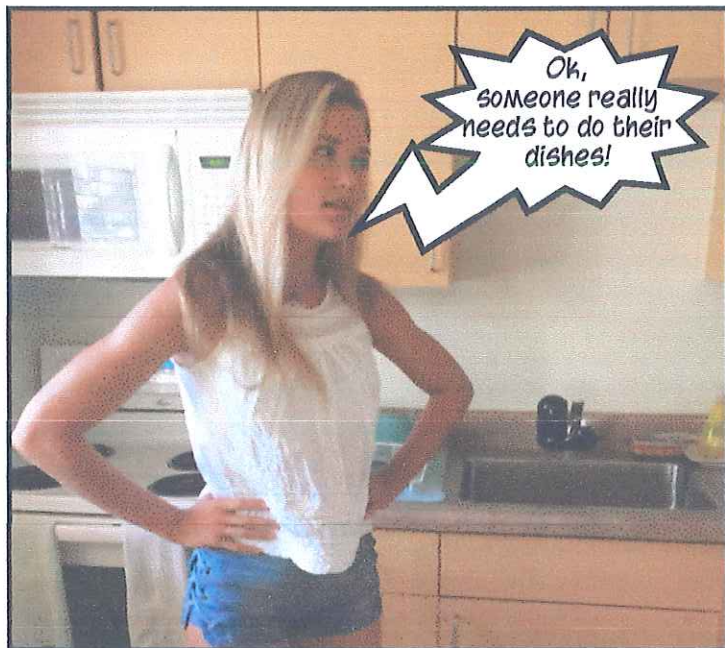




EW WHAT IS A LITERATURE REVIEW?!





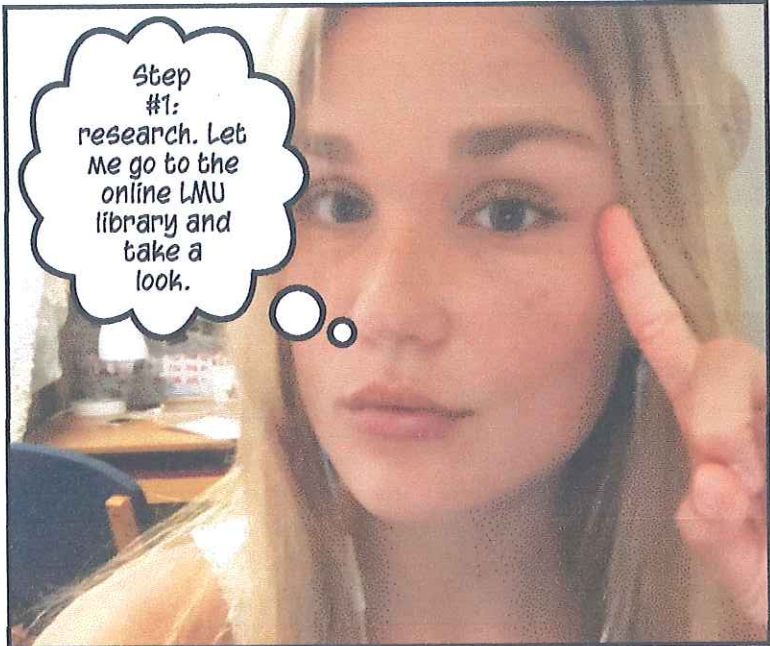








Later that day...



EXHIBITS & EVENTS  
GET HELP

# BOOK SPINE ENTRY

## WICK!

Can You Find a Poem in the...

Find inspiration and share your poems on Instagram - @libhistory and #libology

Library Catalog OneSearch+ Reserves LINK+

Search for books, media and more

Search Options: Author | Title | Subject | Advanced Search

Research Databases: Find articles, data, images and more

Journal List: Find specific magazines, journals, newspapers

LibGuides: Custom guides for research projects & classes

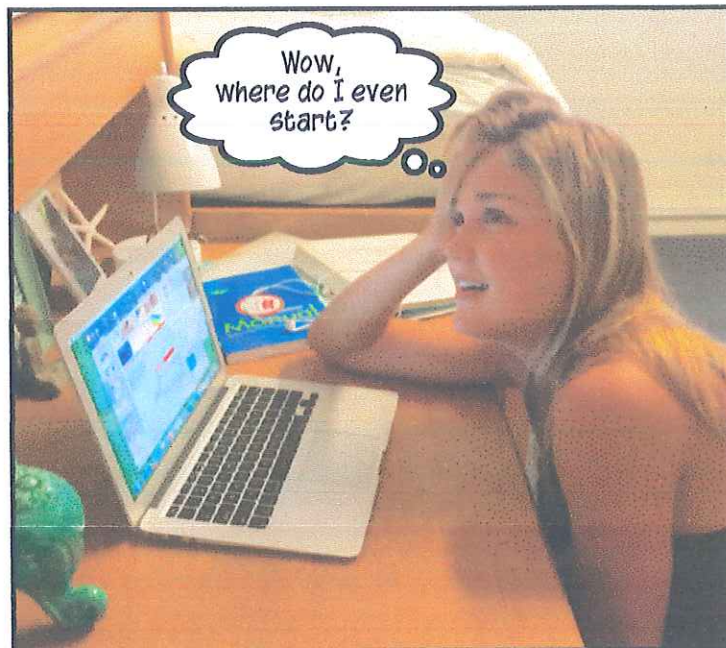
Library News Blog

- National Library Week: Spotlight on Books for Kids and Teens
- It's Tax Season! Featured DVD: An Inconvenient Tax
- National Library Week: Spotlight on Archives & Special Collections
- 4/15 Special Event: The Saint John's Bible in Word, Art, and Music

Ask A Librarian

Ask an LMU Librarian Please take our survey!

Type here to chat. Press ENTER to send.



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That's a great feature, maybe a librarian can help me.



## ◆ Ask an LMU Librarian

Please take  
our survey!

Clear Chat History

12:28 **me** Hi, I am kinda stuck with an upcoming project. What data base would you suggest for a topic about roommate communication?

12:28 **Librarian** hm that's a good question. A communications database might work, let me grab you some links

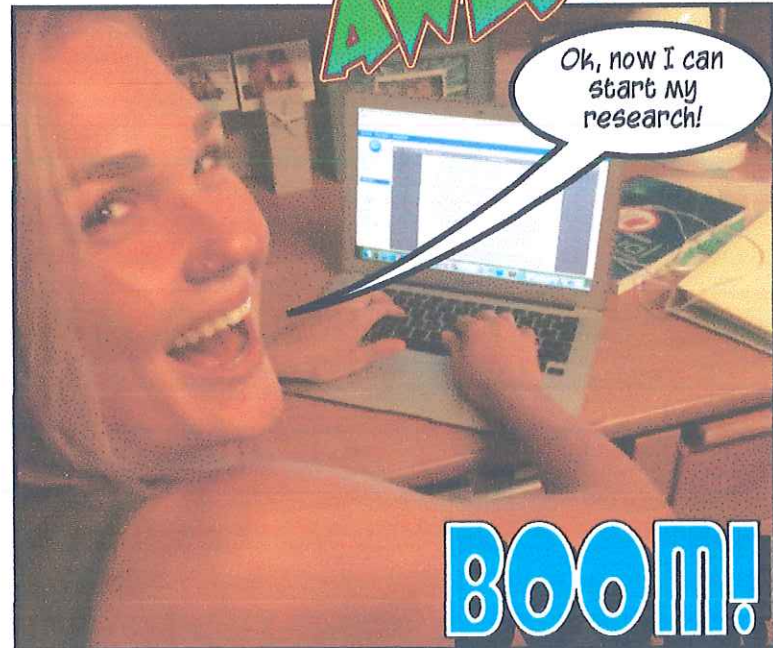
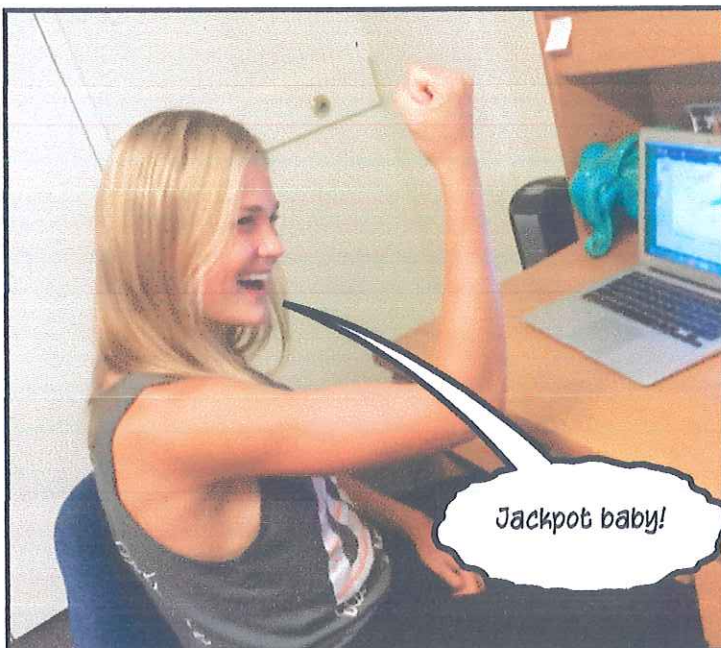
12:28 **me** thank you!

12:29 **Librarian** <http://electra.lmu.edu:2048/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.asp?profile=ehost&defaultdb=ufh>

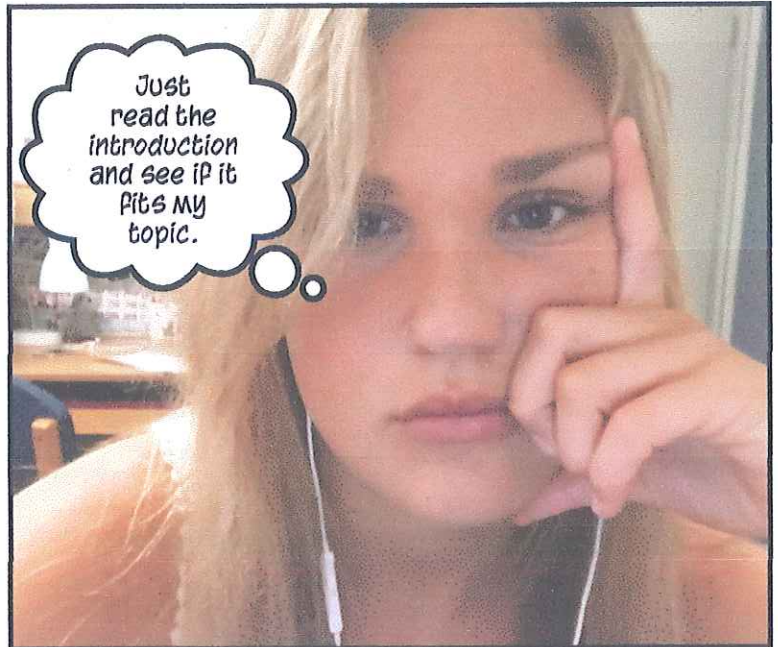
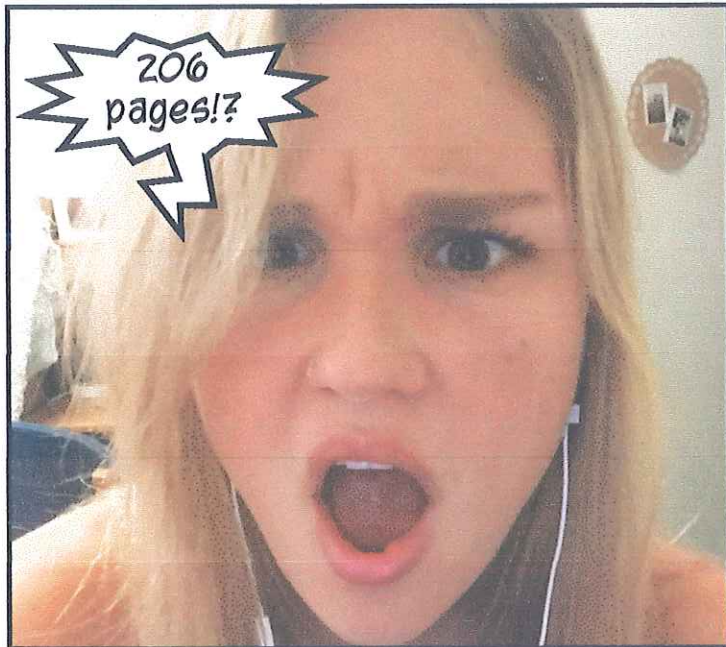
12:29 **Librarian** That is communication and mass media complete

12:30 **Librarian** I would try the keywords "Roommates" and "communication" or "roommates" and "conflict"

12:30 **me** sounds perfect thank you!!







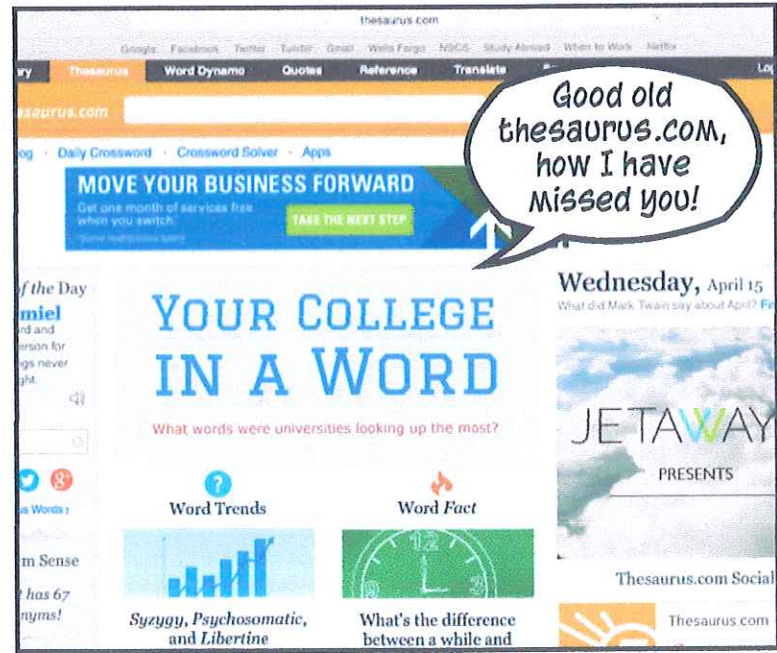
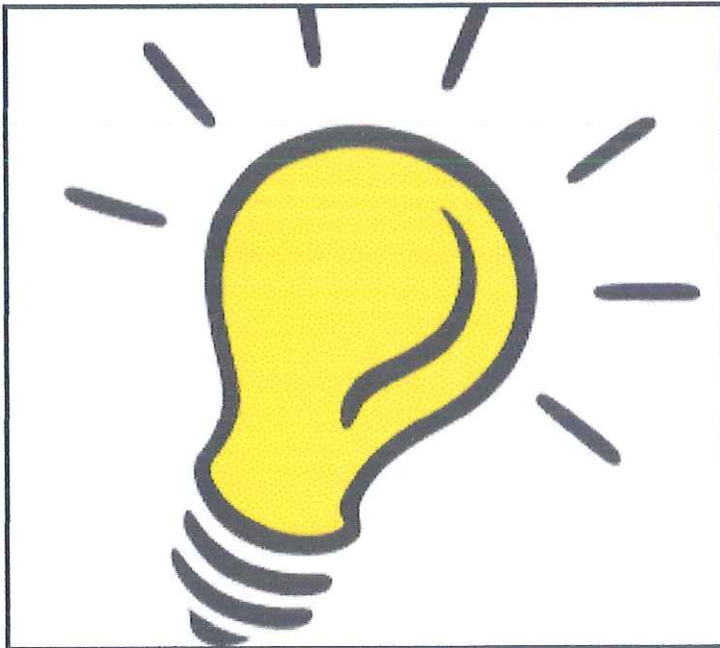
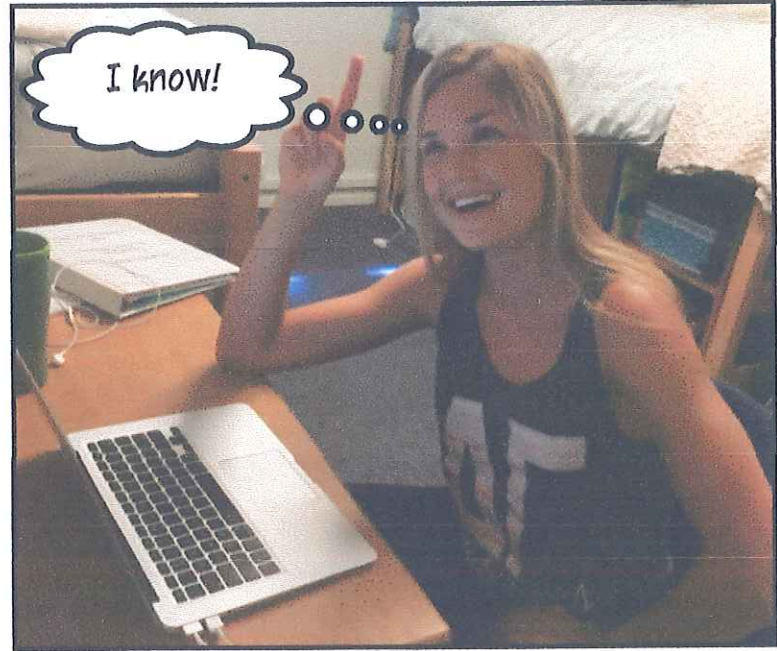
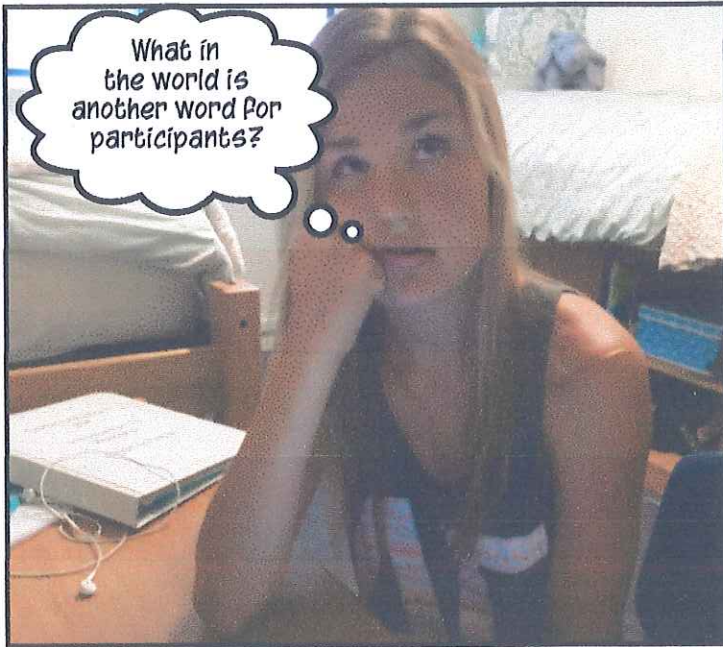
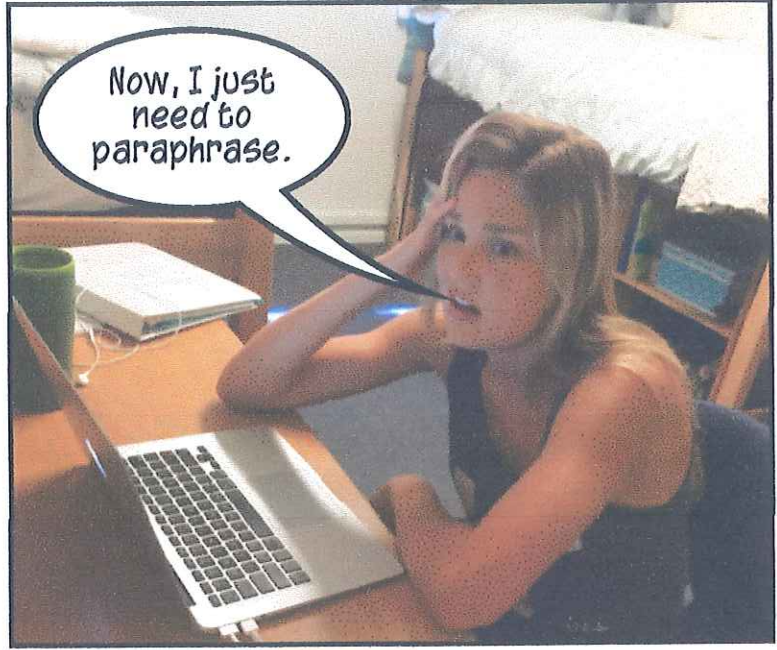
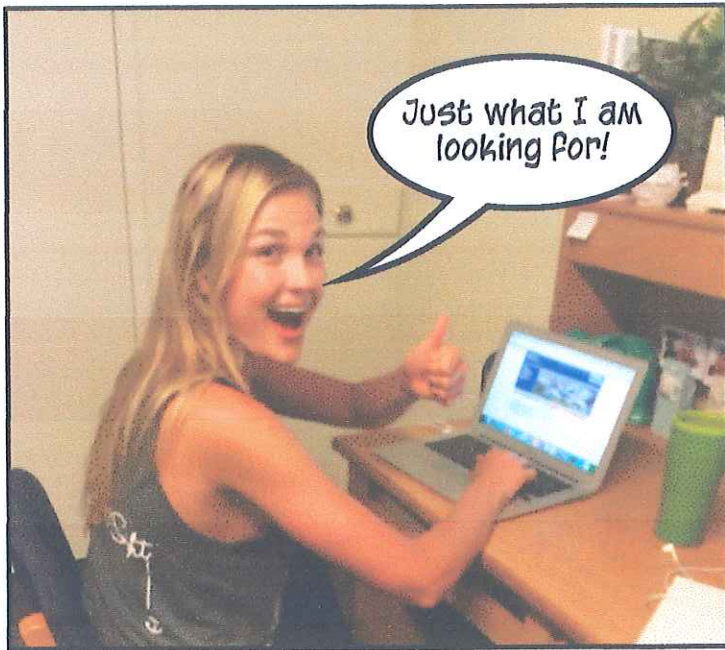
## Roommate Similarity: Are Roommates Who Are Similar in Their Communication Traits More Satisfied?

Matthew M. Martin  
West Virginia University

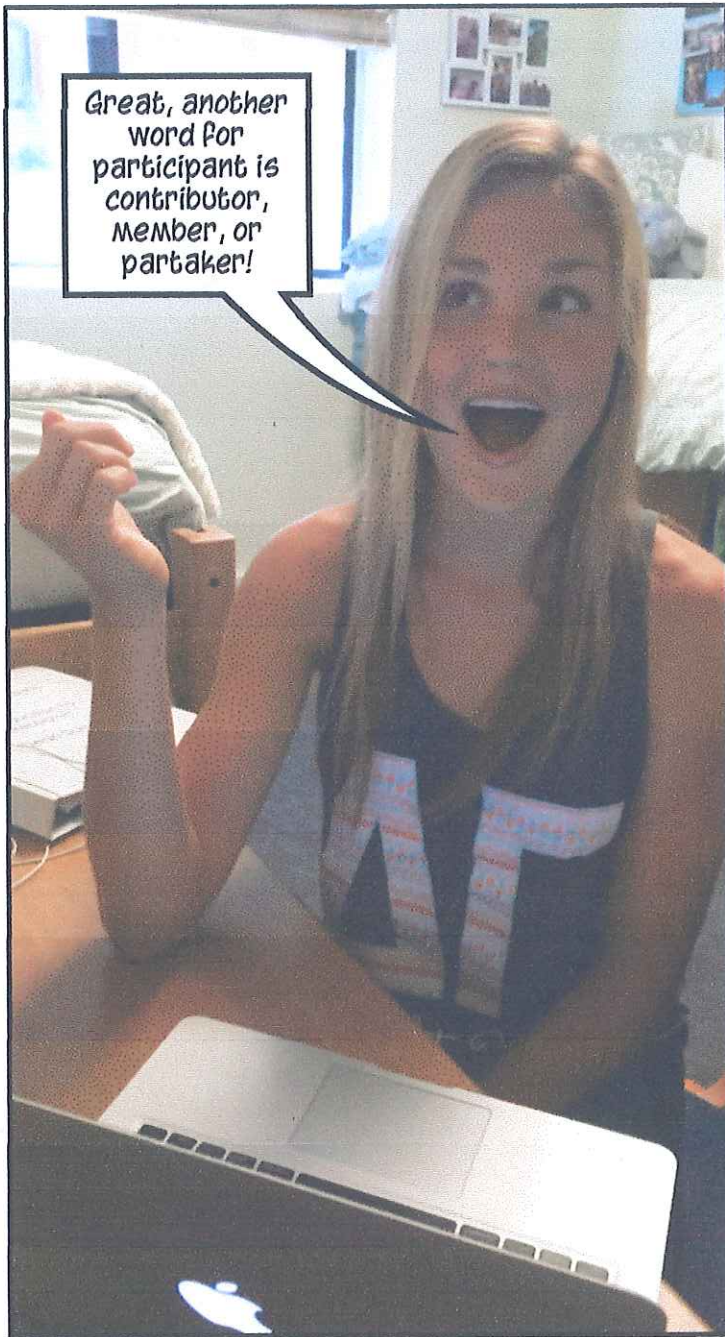
Carolyn M. Anderson  
University of Akron

*This study investigated whether roommates who were similar in their communication traits would express more satisfaction with and affinity for their roommates. Specifically, the communication traits of willingness to communicate, interpersonal communication competence, and verbal aggressiveness were considered. Participants (college students and their roommates) completed measures of their own communication traits and their*









Great, another word for participant is contributor, member, or partaker!

## Synonyms for participant

*noun* person who takes part in activity

colleague

player

member

shareholder

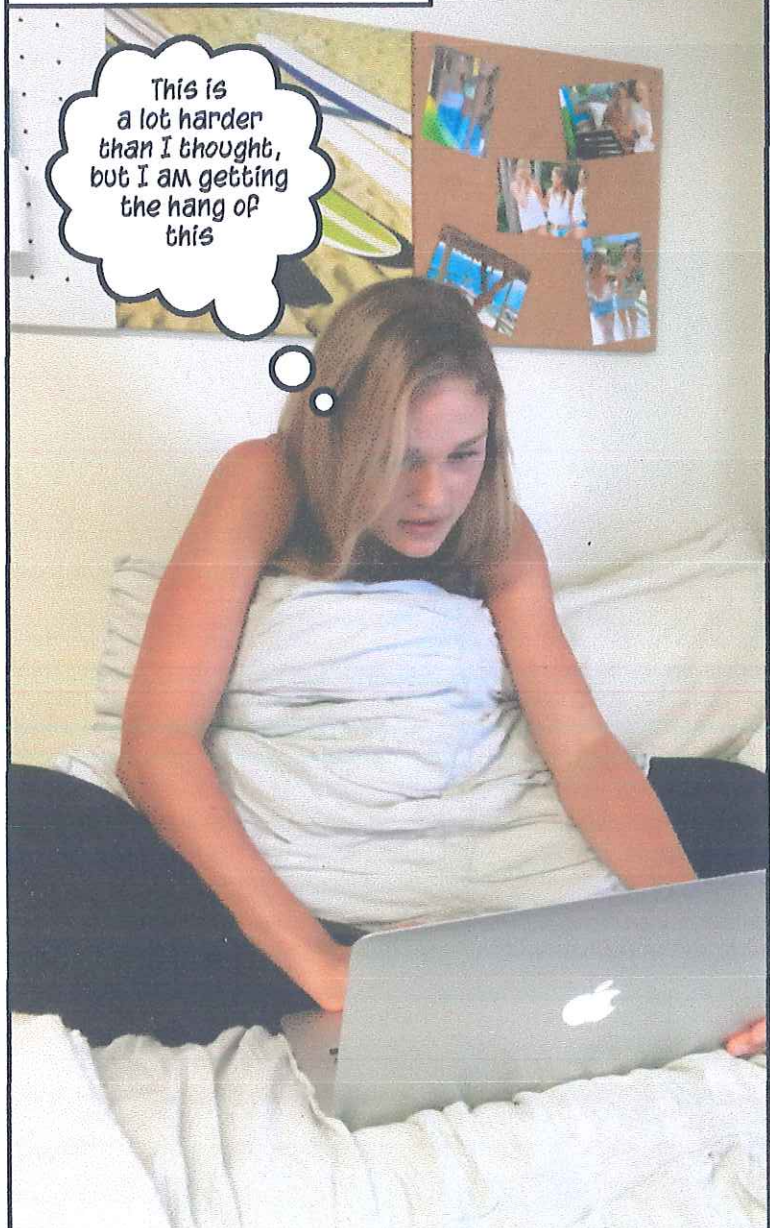
partner

actor

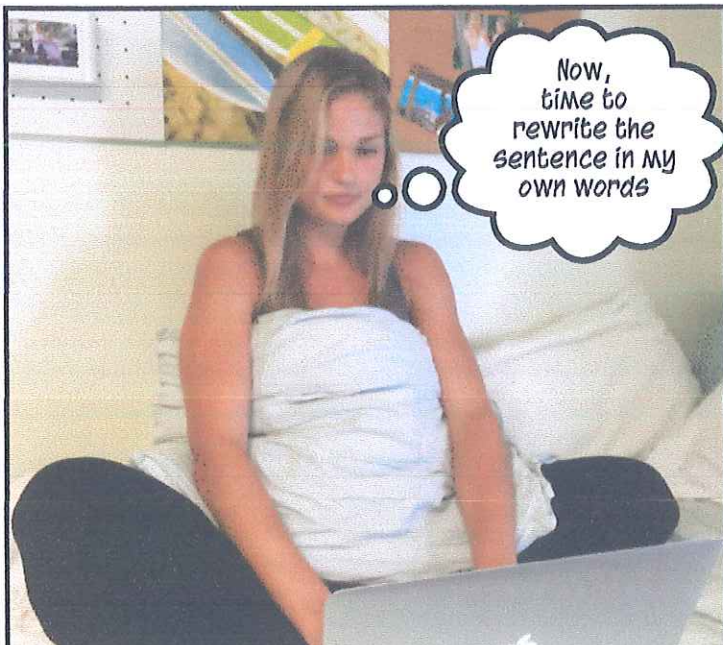
party

aide

15 minutes later...



This is a lot harder than I thought, but I am getting the hang of this

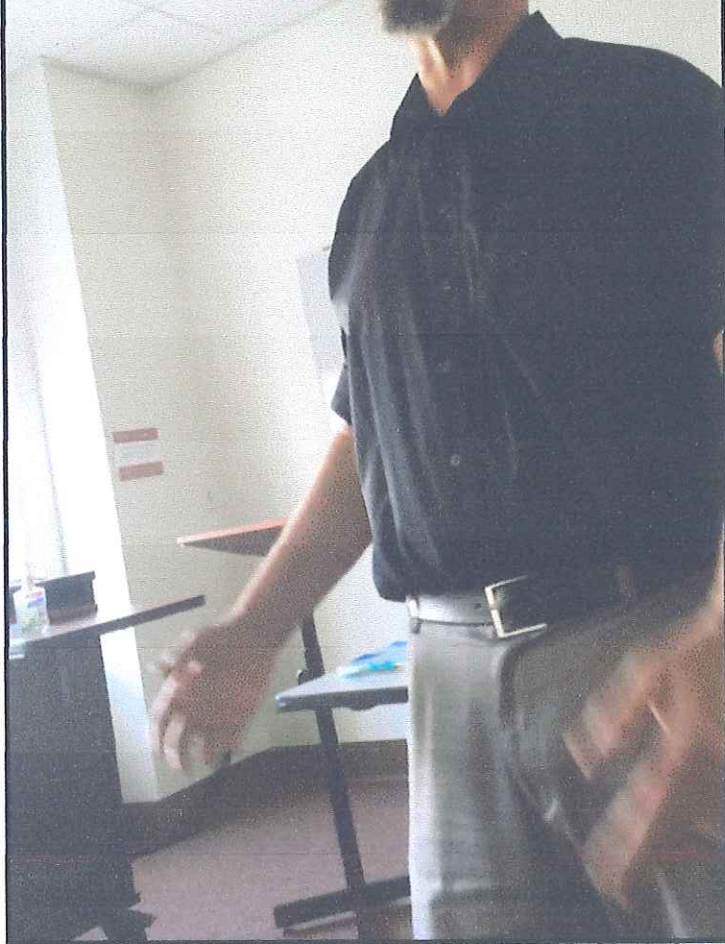


Now, time to rewrite the sentence in my own words



The next class...

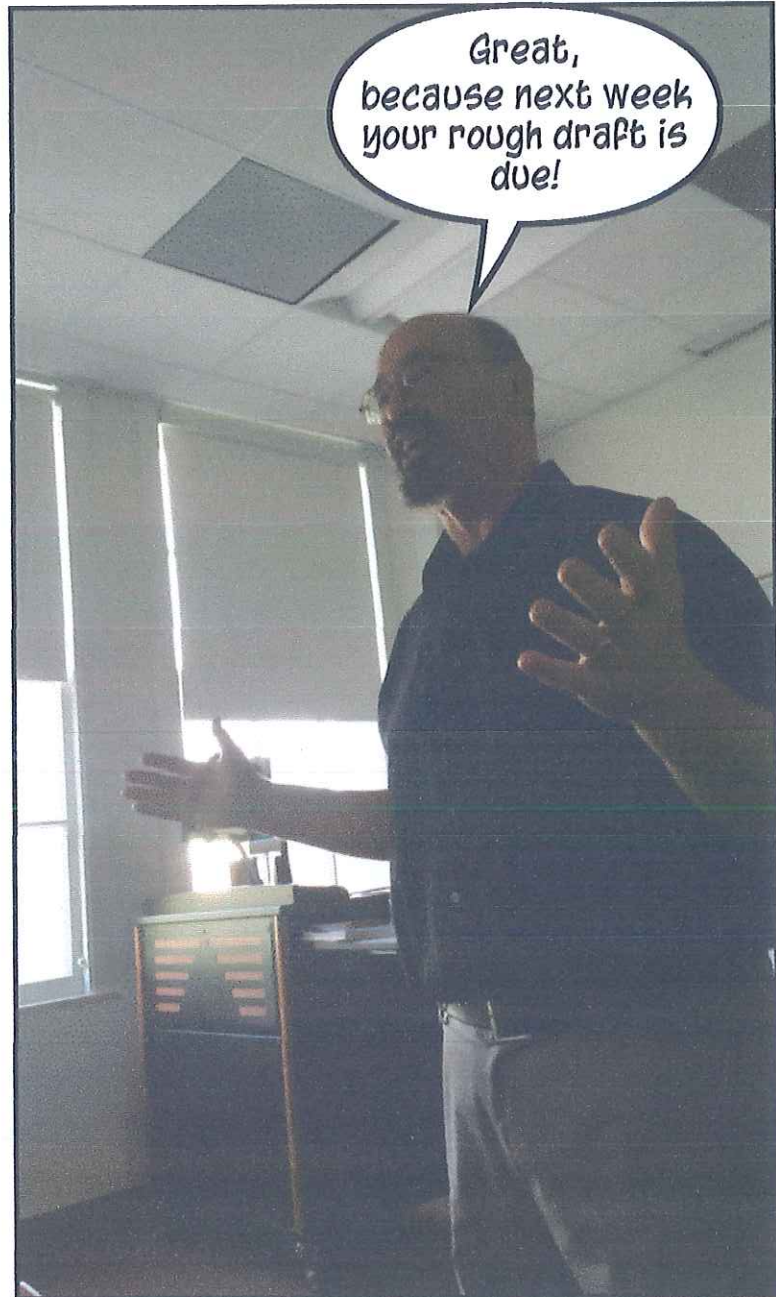
So... Who has started their research?



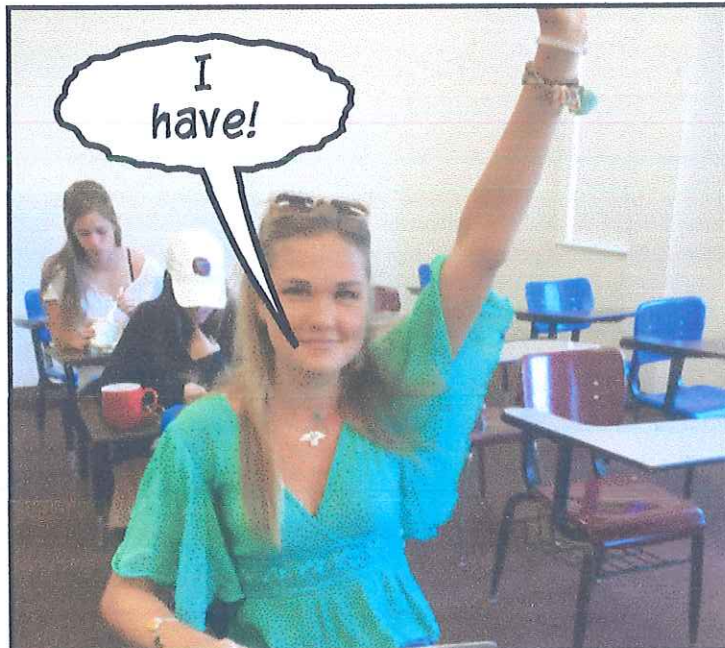
Anyone!?



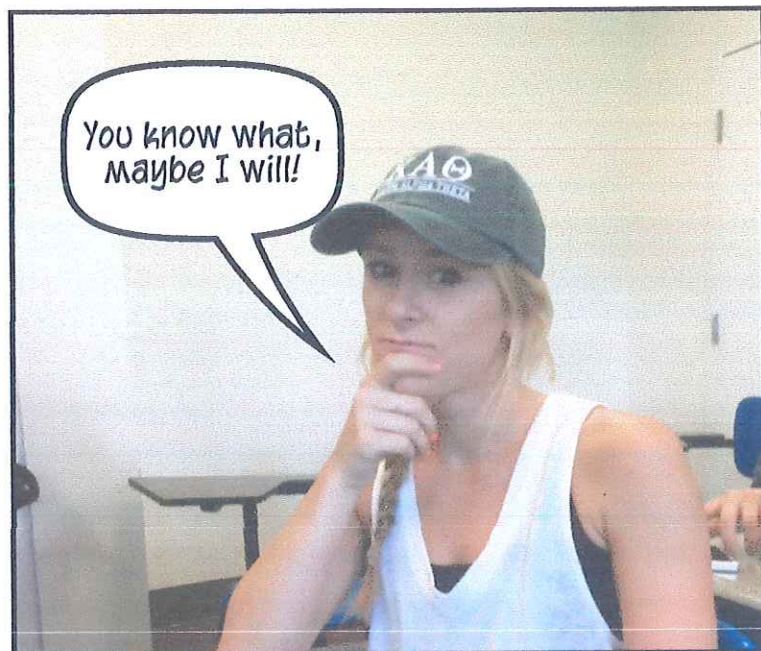
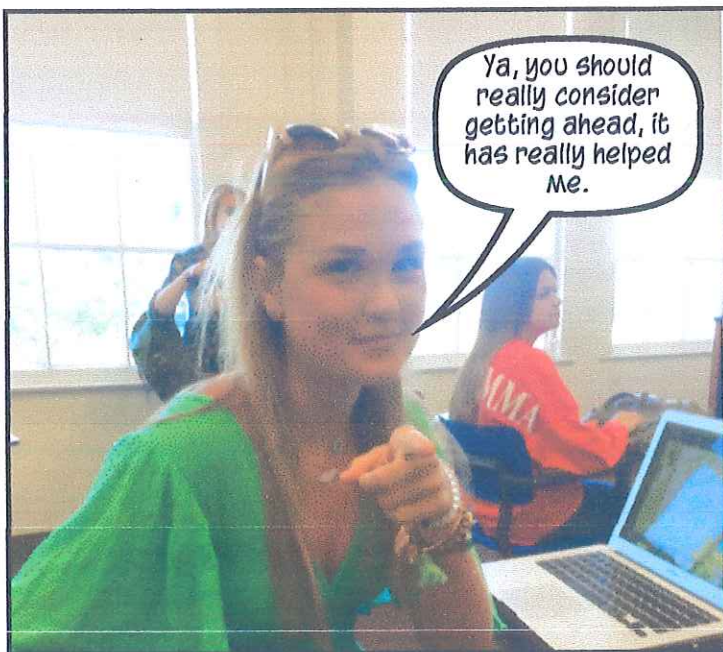
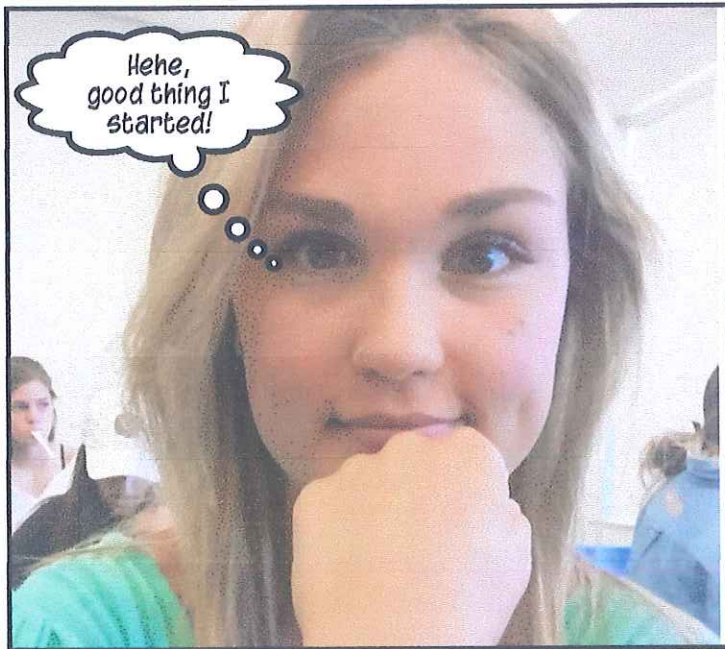
Great, because next week your rough draft is due!



I have!

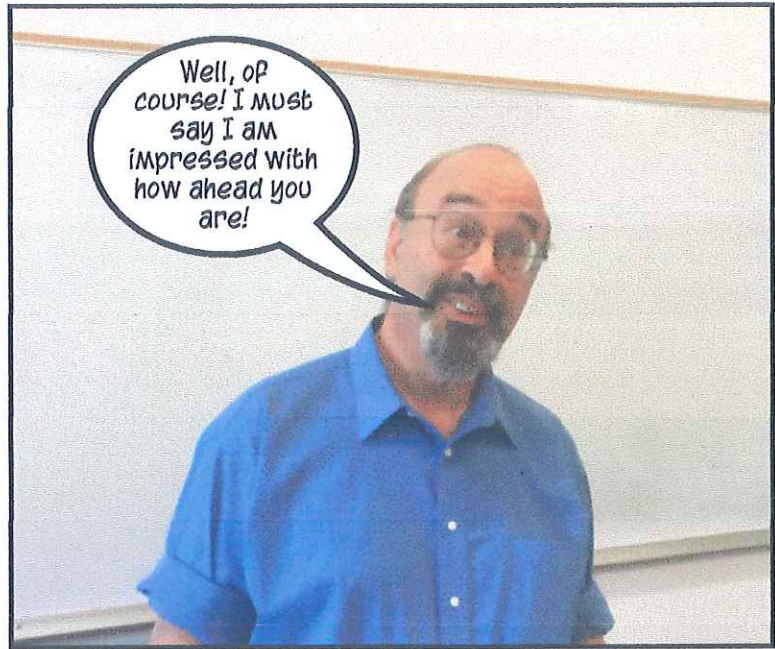




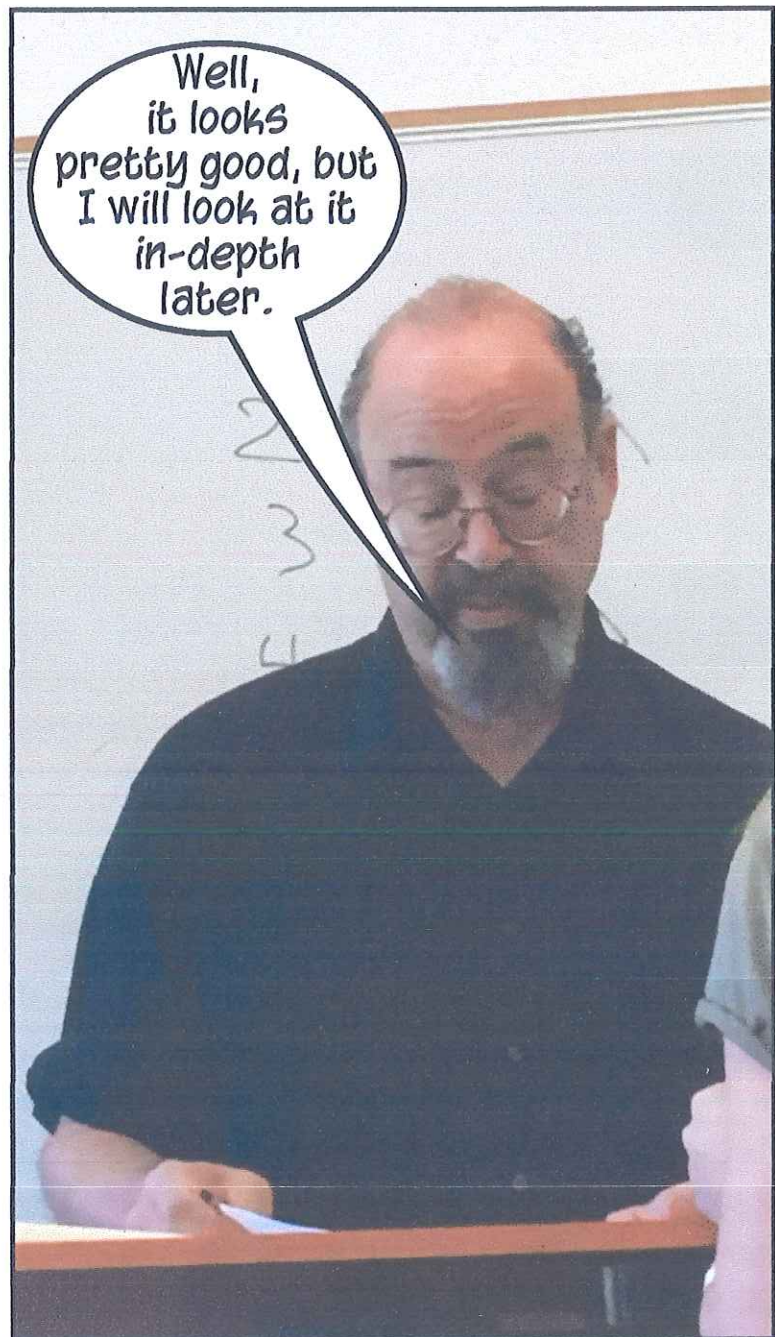
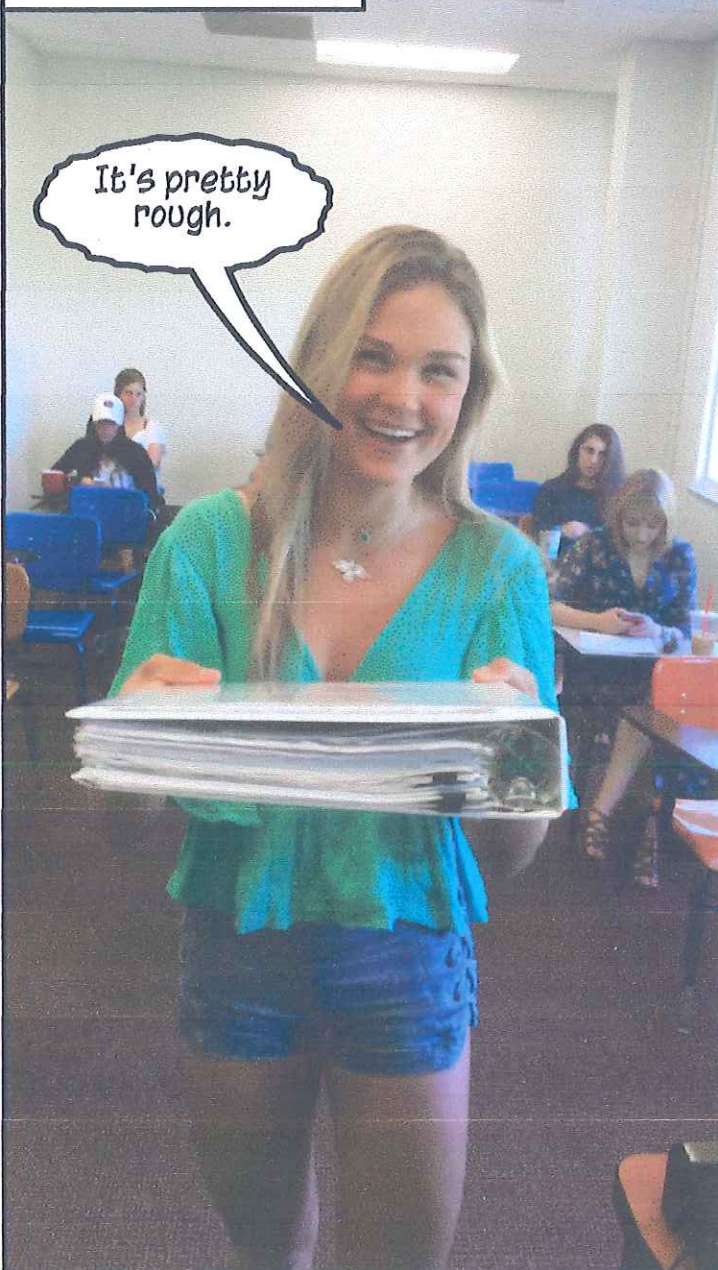




*After class...*



*The next class...*





In Office Hours...



Emily, your essay is good, but your APA needs some help!

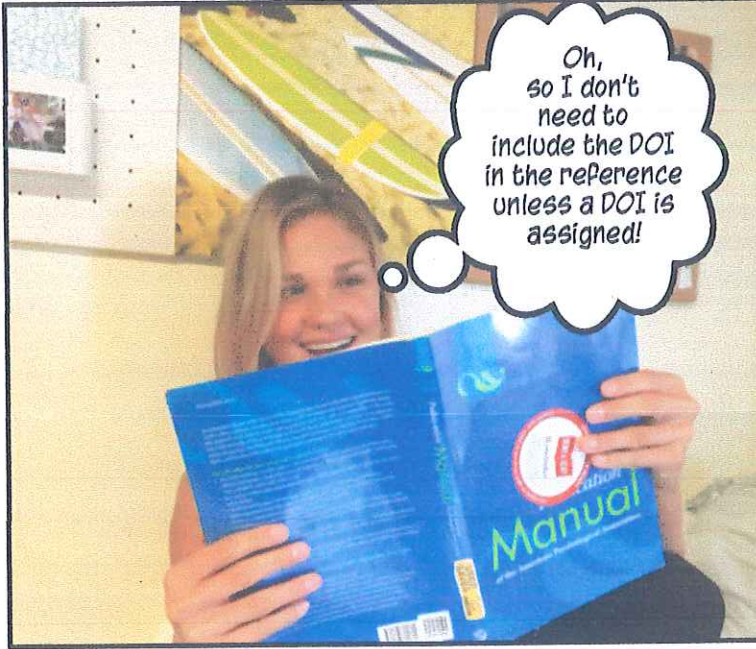
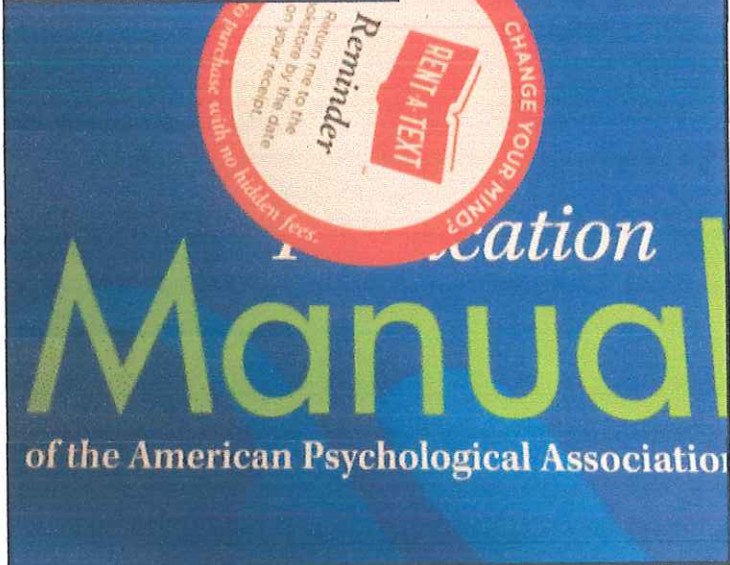


Oh God!



Good thing I have my APA book!

That night...



Oh, so I don't need to include the DOI in the reference unless a DOI is assigned!



The day the Lit Review is due:  
April 6, 2015

