Searching PsycINFO – Updated July 2017 (JS)

(1) Enter your search terms in the boxes at the top of the search page.

(2) Use the limiters, under **Limit your results** (middle of the page), to help you with your search.

- Since you only need a few articles, check the **Linked Full Text** box. This will limit you to articles available online.
- Be sure to check the box for **Peer Reviewed** or **Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals** to find journal articles.
- Note there are also limits for **English Language** and **Publication Year**. For Publication Year, you can enter specific years (i.e. 2011-2016) to cut down on the articles you need to review. Refer to your assignment instructions for acceptable years of articles.

The screenshot below is from PsycINFO, which points out these limiters:
(3) Your instructor wants you to find empirical articles, not review articles.

In addition to entering search terms and using the limiters on the previous page, you must also use the METHODOLOGY limit.

Under ‘Limit your results’:

☐ For METHODOLOGY, be sure to select EMPIRICAL STUDY.

- CLINICAL CASE STUDY
- CLINICAL TRIAL
- EMPIRICAL STUDY
  - Experimental Replication
  - Followup Study

Once you have entered your search terms, used the limiters (i.e. Full Text, Peer Reviewed, English, Publication Year), AND chosen EMPIRICAL STUDY for methodology, select Search to perform your search.

Then next page describes how to review abstracts and access articles.
Reviewing Abstracts and Accessing Articles in PsycINFO

(1) If you find an article title that looks interesting, select the article title link.

3. Assessing the nature and clinical significance of psychological contributions to childhood asthma.

(2) After you select the title link, another page will open with identifying information about the article. Most articles will have an abstract, which is a short summary of the article. Be sure to read the abstract.

(3) To access the entire article, use the Full Text link in the left-hand column. The link will either say PDF Full Text or Get Full Text. NOTE: If the full text link does not work, please contact a librarian.

If you are unsure if an article is acceptable for your assignment, please check with your instructor.