Areas of Concern

**ADOLESCENT AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

**APA**

- Title page – Header, spacing, running head, etc.
- No abstract is needed!
- Parenthetic citations (author’s last name, year of publication) and page number with direct quotes. When in doubt cite the source.
- Few of you included a page for Works Cited. Book titles in the Works Cited list – only the first word of the title and subtitle is capitalized! Hanging indent
- Quotes – Generally more quotes are needed! Remember the distinction between block quotes (40 words or more) vs. quotes within the text of a paragraph. All direct quotes must include page numbers.
- “The devil is in the details.” (e.g. pg. 17 instead of p. 17)

Refer to [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_apa.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_apa.html) and [http://web2.muc.edu/~schnelpl/ME200Wwebsite/Resources.HTM](http://web2.muc.edu/~schnelpl/ME200Wwebsite/Resources.HTM)

**Editing**

- COMMA problems. Also no contractions in APA, spelling, subject/verb agreement, etc. Don’t be afraid to go to the Writing Center

**ANALYSIS**

- Analyze your experiences according to the theories that you’ve learned, e.g. After spending a week in middle school, I struggled with whether I should wear my favorite jeans, which my new friends thought were ‘countrified,’ or con my mom into buying me a pair of the absolute coolest pegged Tommy Hilfiger designer jeans. Naturally, I had to have the Hilfiger jeans, and ultimately my mom wouldn’t buy them for me, so for a week every time I saw her I said the Queen Mother of all cuss words (only in my head, of course), that’s right the big one - the ‘F’ word. Clearly this was an example of what Elkind (1998) would call the ‘niche’ market. It also acknowledges that adolescents “like fads, especially those shunned by adults” (Swaim, 1995, p. 40). The cussing may have...