For this activity you will identify APA Style errors when citing sources within paragraphs. The following paragraph provides examples of citations that are in perfect APA style. Please notice the various details in each, but pay particular attention to areas that are common sources of mistakes such as: use of commas, use of &, use of et al., and alphabetical order of references if there is more than 1 cited for a statement.

Example paragraph:

One study has shown that the length of reference periods can affect the interpretation of emotional terms such as anger (Winkielman et al., 1998). Participants given a one-year reference period reported stronger feelings of anger, more serious events, and less frequent events (Winkielman et al., 1998). Smith and Ellsworth (1987) also found that misleading questions lead to inaccurate information about eyewitness events. Research has shown that one way eyewitnesses are influenced by misleading questions is through experimenter knowledge (Smith & Ellsworth, 1987). A great deal of research has focused on eyewitness testimony (e.g., Porter et al., 2003; Scoboria et al., 2002). More specifically, studies have focused on misleading questions (Loftus, 1974; Smith & Ellsworth, 1987).

Full authors listed....(just for your reference):

Porter, Spencer, & Birt, 2003

Scoboria, Kirsch, & Milling, 2002

Winkielman, Knauper, & Schwarz, 1998

Now, it's your turn! In the following paragraph, you'll need to identify the errors and correct them. Copy and paste the following paragraph into the text box. Then, correct the errors and highlight what you corrected. Please use the above example and your APA Manual as a guide.

Paragraph with Incorrect Citations:

Self-reference has been shown to increase memory of trait adjectives and/or small sayings (ex. Ganellen & Carver, 1985, Belleza, 1984; Brown, Keenan & Potts, 1986). More generally, Craik & Lockhart have shown that processing through the use of the self has been shown to be effective with human memory. This has also been shown to be beneficial when imagery instructions are used (Brown, P., Keenan, J., and Potts, G., 1986). Finally, Brandan Wagar and Dov Cohen (2003) have tested whether cultural differences in conception of self-influence these effects (Wagar, & Cohen, 2003).