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Use **Limit To** > **Peer Reviewed** to narrow your search to peer-reviewed journals. Most articles in peer-reviewed journals have been evaluated by experts.

Use **Subject** to narrow your search to the subtopics that are covered in your results list. Another benefit of using the **Subject** filter: Reviewing the list of subjects can provide ideas about how to narrow your topic.

Use **Age** to narrow your search to materials about people of specific ages. For example, if you're researching topics related to teenagers, select **adolescence (13-17 yrs)**. This is more efficient than typing a list of terms like *teenager* or "young adult" or adolescent*.*

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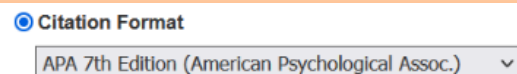
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2. Select **Folder View**.

3. Select **Email**.

4. Select a **Citation Format** (usually, APA 7th). ⟶

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