Reflection Activity:

College success ensures a better quality of life. I didn't have the "traditional" childhood, but rather experienced difficulties. As a result, I could never study or find a real job and am working as an exotic dancer. My current life path leads to a mediocre existence with no purpose in life and no integration into the economy. Receiving a degree from UoPeople would give me financial stability and opportunities. I would no longer view myself as someone who started on the back foot in life, but someone who caught up with everyone else at the top. I could start a career, find employment for a monthly salary with a pension and stop working as an exotic dancer with no future prospects and unstable weekly wages.

Success can be broken down into milestones. They start small, like completing every assignment for week 1. They get bigger, like maintaining a GPA of 3.0 to take more subjects. And they span further into the future, like completing my degree, finding employment, buying a house. I define success as remaining determined to fail forward until reaching the next milestone. My success in this course, will be defined by never giving up - completing all my work, truly learning and understanding, and doing my best, until my degree is complete. With dedication, I will be successful in obtaining my degree, and I AM successful in my studies, each day.

My strategy for achieving success is fourfold:

First - Always access my course materials at the start of the week to have enough time to complete everything.

Second - Take my time when learning something new to understand it in its entirety.

Third - Submit everything expected of me, not missing deadlines or skipping tasks.

Fourth - Save up as much as I can ahead of exams to hopefully be able to afford the cost of each subject.

The fourth is a challenging task as I live in South Africa and the dollar/rand exchange rate is of serious concern...since the covid pandemic, exotic dancers are feeling the brunt of declining economic growth, job losses and restricted household income. My wages are little to nothing week by week with no end in sight. Some things are out of my control. I resolve myself to working hard, hoping for the best and making do with what I have.

The financial concern above is my biggest worry regarding the management of my courses. Unfortunately there is no solution for a global crisis and I will need to find ways to cut most of my expenditure and hope to afford the exams. The only other concern I have regarding my course assignments is poor performance in the calculus modules (dense and difficult subjects). My plan to resolve this issue is to take calculus on its own for the term so I have more time to invest in understanding the subject. I'll just take it one step at a time, slow and steady.

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APA Exercise:

*What is the title of the book?*

Encyclopedia of White-Collar and Corporate Crime

*Who is the author (or who are the authors)?*

Lawrence M. Salinger

*What year was the book published?*

2005

*What is the URL of the book?*

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*Now, let’s write the in-text citation, to use at the end of a sentence you are writing. In-text citations are always (Author, Year). Using the information from #5, write the APA in-text citation for the book you found. Refer to the UoPeople APA Tutorials in the LRC for help in APA citations.*

"Whether or not new imperialism could be called a crime is a hotly debated subject." (Salinger, 2005, p. 41).

*Using the information from #1-4, write the APA reference for the book you found. The reference goes at the end of your work, after all of your writing is finished.*

Salinger, L. M. (2005). Encyclopedia of White-Collar & Corporate Crime [[E-book](https://cd20axua7-mp01-y-https-go-gale-com.proxy.lirn.net/ps/pdfViewer?resultListType=RELATED_DOCUMENT&searchType=BasicSearchForm&c2c=true&docId=GALE%7CCX3438900001&userGroupName=lirn17237&inPS=true&contentSegment=9781412914260&prodId=GVRL&isETOC=true#content)]. SAGE Publications.