Guidelines for Writing Theory Papers

Primary trainees write theory papers to ensure that they understand Montessori principles and concepts. These papers are to demonstrate comprehension of these principles and concepts as described by Dr. Maria Montessori. They are not research papers.

- **Formatting Basics**
  - 12-point font
  - 1.5 line spacing
  - Page numbers
  - 6 to 12 pages in length (will vary by topic)

- **Title Page**
  - Topic, your ID number, and the date

- **Organization**
  - The papers should follow the outlines provided by the Montessori Center of Minnesota.

- **Content**
  - Essential concepts clearly defined; understanding demonstrated

- **Quotations**
  - Each paper must include at least five quotes from Dr. Maria Montessori or Mario Montessori.

- **Citations and Manuscript Details**
  - American Psychological Association (APA) style should be used to indicate your sources for paraphrases and quotations.
    - In the body of the paper, use in-text citations to note the author’s last name, the publication year (when known), and the page number (when applicable).
    - At the end of the paper, include a reference list (bibliography) entitled “References.”
    - Please refer to APA handout for more information.

- **Editing**
  - Give attention to correct spelling and grammar.