Formatting a journal article citation in APA style

How to use APA style:

See the KPU Library’s guide to APA style: [http://libguides.kpu.ca/apa](http://libguides.kpu.ca/apa)

Here is an example of how to correctly cite a scholarly journal article in APA style:


Mistakes in the computer-generated Summon citation on the other handout:

1. Citation was not indented after first line
   - Use the hanging indent feature in Word under “Paragraph > Indentation > Special”

2. Proper nouns in the article’s title were not capitalized
   - Although usually only the first word in the article title (and the first word in the subtitle, if there is one) are capitalized in APA style, the words Aboriginal and Canadian are proper nouns which are normally capitalized, so they should also be capitalized in the citation.

3. Journal title was not in *italics*.

4. DOI was missing
   - Even if a database (like Summon) does not provide a DOI for a journal article, you will almost always find one on the first page of the full-text PDF. You can see it in the screenshot.
   - Note: you may not find a DOI for an older journal article, or for most articles in legal journals.
     - In that case, you would instead add this at the end of the citation:
       
       Retrieved from [insert URL for journal publisher]

     - DO use Google to look up the URL for the journal’s home page on the publisher’s website.
     - Do NOT use the URL from the top of your search screen; these links usually only work while you are logged into the database and will break after you close the browser. Even if they are ‘permalinks’ they will only work for a person with access to the KPU databases.
     - Do NOT use the name of the database. Again, this is only useful for a person with access to the KPU databases.