HELP! HOW DO I CITE A PAPER ACCORDING TO APA

REFERENCE LIST EXAMPLES

**Book**
Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle*. Location: Publisher.


**Journal Article (Electronic)**


**Webpage**


*APA does not provide a specific format for citing webpages. Instead, there are guidelines for how to cite various sources in online formats.*

FORMAT YOUR PAPER

- 1” Margins
- 12pt Font (Times New Roman or Courier), Double-Spaced
- Title page with your title, name, and college, centered upper-half
- In your header, insert “Running head: TITLE OF YOUR PAPER”, and the page number on the right margin. Omit “Running head” and only use title after title page.
- Prepare abstract on the next page (Consult instructor)
- Create the Main Body (text) of your paper on a new page
- Separate reference list follows main body. References should be double-spaced and listed alphabetically by author last name. Use hanging indentation. (Not Shown)

EASY AS 1-2-3

1. Identify your source type.
2. Find an example. (May not be on this handout!)
3. Mirror the example.
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**With author in sentence**  
According to Jones (1998), APA style is a difficult citation format for first-time learners.

**Without author in sentence**  
APA style is a difficult citation format for first-time learners (Jones, 1998).

Include page numbers **only when quoting or referring to a specific passage**. Pagination includes the author, year, and page number for the reference (preceded by "p.").

**With author in sentence, using direct quote**  
According to Jones (1998), "Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time" (p. 199).

**Without author in sentence, using direct quote**  
She stated, "Students often had difficulty using APA style" (Jones, 1998, p. 199), but she did not offer an explanation as to why.

**Two authors?**
(Wegener & Petty, 1994) -or-
Research by Wegener and Petty (1994) supports...

**Three to Five authors?**
(Kernis, Cornell, Sun, Berry, & Harlow, 1993)

**Six or more authors?**
(Harris et al., 2001) -or- Harris et al. (2001) argued...

If the work does **not** have an author, cite the source by its title in the signal phrase or use the first word or two in the parentheses. Titles of books and reports are italicized; titles of articles, chapters, and web pages are in quotes.

### REMEMBER!

When you include a quote or borrowed idea in your paper, introduce it with a **signal phrase**! This provides context for source material.

### ADDITIONAL HELP

This handout is only a sample of basic APA formatting. If you have questions, talk to a librarian or consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, (6th ed., 4th printing).

**Citing Subject Guide**
http://guides.mga.edu/citations

**The Purdue OWL: APA Style**
owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/

**APA Style Blog**
blog.apastyle.org

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https://www.mga.edu/library/