HELP! HOW DO I CITE A PAPER ACCORDING TO APA

EASY AS 1-2-3

1. Identify your source type.

2. Find an example. (May not be on this handout!)

3. Mirror the example.

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)
In-text Citations

In addition to a list of references at the end of your paper, you need to cite your sources in the text of your paper. Citations in the text include the last name of the author(s) and publication year.

**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., 2nd printing) available at Zach S. Henderson Library.

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