HELP! HOW DO I CITE A PAPER ACCORDING TO ASA

**REFERENCE LIST EXAMPLES**

**Book**
Author1 (last name inverted), Author2 (including full surname, last name is not inverted), and Author3. Year of publication. *Name of Publication* (italicized). Publisher’s city and state: Publisher’s Name.


**Journal Articles (Electronic)**


**Website**


**Chapters in Edited Volume**
Author1. Year of publication. "Title of Chapter." Pp. inclusive page numbers in Title, edited by First Initial. Middle Initial. Last Name. Publisher’s city and state: Publisher’s Name.

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**FORMAT YOUR PAPER**

- 1.25” Margins
- 12pt Font, Double-Spaced
- Title page includes paper title, name, university, and complete word count.
- 150-200 word Abstract on separate page headed by title (Main body of text follows on separate page headed by title)
- Main headings appear in ALL CAPS, centered or left-justified; Sub-Headings appear Italics, centered or left-justified
- 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.
IN-TEXT CITATION RULES

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**
... in another study by Duncan (1959).

**Without author in sentence**
... whenever it occurred (Gouldner 1963).

Include page numbers only when quoting or referring to a specific passage. Pagination follows the year of publication after a colon, with no space between the colon and the page number.

**With author in sentence, using direct quote**
Naomi Wolf (1991:71) argues that “a girl learns that stories happen to 'beautiful' women, whether they are interesting or not.”

**Without author in sentence, using direct quote**
It is argued that "a girl learns that stories happen to 'beautiful' women, whether they are interesting or not" (Wolf 1991:71).

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.

**Two authors?**
(Wegener and Petty 1994) -or-
Research by Wegener and Petty (1994) support...

**Three authors?**
*First citation for a work with three or more authors*
.... Had been lost (Carr, Smith, and Jones 1962)

*All subsequent citations*
..... (Carr et al. 1962)

**More than three authors?**
Use et al. in the first citation and all subsequent citations.

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

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