HELP! HOW DO I CITE A PAPER ACCORDING TO APA

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  **Without author in sentence**

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*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 or more authors?**

  (Harris et al., 2001) -OR- Harris et al. (2001) argued...

  **Unknown or anonymous author**

  Cite the source by its title in the signal phrase or use the title in the parenthetical citation in place of the author’s name. Examples:

  Book with no author: *(Interpersonal Skills, 2019)*

  Article with no author: *(“Understanding Sensory Memory,” 2018)*

  **Works with the same author and date**

  Include a lowercase letter after the year (Smith 2017a) or Smith (2017b). This will be used in the in-text citation and the reference list entry.

**FORMAT YOUR PAPER**

- 1” Margins
- Title page with your title, name, and college, class, professor and date centered upper-half
- 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)
When you include a quote or borrowed idea in your paper, introduce it with a **signal phrase**! This provides context for source material.

**REFERENCE LIST EXAMPLES**

APA Reference List entries contain the following four components:
Author. (Date). Title. Source

Below are examples of types of sources often cited in a Reference List.

**Book**

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


**Journal Article**


**Webpage***

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). *Title of document*. URL


*Include a retrieval date following the URL only if the website ‘s content is designed to change over time.

**Webpage on a News Website**

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). *Title of Article*. News Site name. URL


**Newspaper Article**

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). *Title of Article*. Title of Newspaper. URL


**Tweet**

Author, A. A. [@username]. Date. *Content of the post up to the first 20 words*. Site Name. URL

Example: APA Education [@APAEducation]. (2018, June 29). *College students are forming mental health clubs-and they’re making a difference* @Washington post [Thumbnail with link attached] [Tweet]. Twitter. https://twitter.com/apaeaeducation/status/101281049053014161

**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*, (7th ed.) which is available at the library front desk.

**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

Adapted from a guide created by Autumn Johnson at Savannah State University

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