

# APA Citation Guide

When using APA (American Psychological Association) style, you must place relevant source information in parentheses or as a footnote after a quote or a paraphrase. There are two main ways to use the works of others in your paper:

## Using a Quote

All quotes are placed in quotation marks. Place your citation at the end of the sentence, before the period. Include the author's last name and the page number(s):

She stated, "Students often had difficulty using APA style" (Jones, 1998, p. 199), but she did not offer an explanation as to why.

If the author's name is used in the sentence, you do not have to repeat it in the citation:

Jones (1998) found "students often had difficulty using APA style" (p. 199); what implications does this have for teachers?

## Paraphrasing

The bulk of sources you use should be paraphrased. However, citing the source is the same as when you use a quote:

According to Jones (1998), APA style is a difficult citation format for first-time learners.

## Reference Page

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According to APA style, you must have a Reference page at the end of your research paper. Your Reference page must correspond to the items you cited in your paper's text.

Here are a few important tips for creating your Reference page:

- The Reference page is always on a separate page at the end of your research paper.
- Label the page References and center it at the top of the page.
- Double space all citations, but do not skip spaces between entries.
- Sources are organized alphabetically by the author's last name.
  - Ex: Jones, David.
- Indent the second and subsequent lines of citations by 0.5 inches to create a hanging indent.
- Capitalize all major words in journal titles. Capitalize only the first letter of the first word of a title and subtitle when referring to books, chapters, articles, or Web pages.

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## APA Citation Examples

### **Book**

Author, A. (Year of publication). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.

Vernet, C. (2002). *Uniforms of Napoleon's Army*. Pennsylvania: Stackpole Books.

### **Electronic Book**

Last Name, A. *Title of ebook*. Retrieved from URL

MacKillop, A. *Military governors and imperial frontiers c. 1600-1800: A study of Scotland and empires*. Retrieved from  
<http://site.ebrary.com/lib/tkalions/Doc?id=10090510>

### **Journal Article**

Author, A. A. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*,  
*volume(number)*, page range. Retrieved from URL

Manning, R. B. (2007). Styles of command in seventeenth century English armies. *The Journal of Military History*, 71(3), 671-699. Retrieved from  
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/30052887>

### **Web Page**

Author, A.A. (Year, Month Date of Publication). Article title. Retrieved from URL

Kostka, D. (2016, June 12). Tragedy on the Somme. Retrieved from  
<http://www.militaryhistoryonline.com/wwi/articles/somme.aspx>