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A citation is the information needed to identify a resource - a book, article, web site, etc.

APA Style Citations consist of two parts: **In-text References** and a **Reference List**.

In-text References occur within the paper and usually consist of the author's name and the year the work was published.

EXAMPLES IN-TEXT REFERENCES

Bradbury (1998) studied the effects of criminal behavior on property values.

In a previous study on criminal behavior (Bradbury, 1998), property values were significantly affected.

In 1998, Bradbury studied the effects of criminal behavior on property values.

****HOWEVER**, if you are directly quoting from a work, you will need to include the author, year of publication, and the page number for the reference.

2 AUTHORS

If there are **2** authors, cite both names every time the reference appears in your paper.

EXAMPLE IN-TEXT REFERENCES

Myron and Phillips (1997) found that latent sequence genes were responsible.

The study found that latent sequence genes were responsible (Myron and Phillips, 1997).

3 TO 5 AUTHORS

If there are **3 to 5** authors, cite all of the authors the first time you refer to the work in your text. The next time you refer to the work, shorten the citation to the last name of the first author plus the words "et al."

Cho, Meyers, Smith, and Robbins (2003) listed 8 new characteristics not yet named. These characteristics have been challenged on the grounds that they are invalid. However, Cho et al. (2003) maintains the proper research methods were used.

NO AUTHOR

If there is no author named, use a shortened form of the title.

EXAMPLE IN-TEXT REFERENCES

There are thirteen key recommendations ("Bad Habits," 2000).

In "Bad Habits" (2000), thirteen key recommendations are made.

NO AUTHOR, NO DATE,

If there is no author or date, use a shortened form of the title and "n.d." for "no date."

EXAMPLE IN-TEXT REFERENCE

In another study, it was reported that there exists no correlation ("Guiding Student Success," n.d.).

** QUOTATIONS

All in-text references for quotes should include page number. If there is no page number, use paragraph number. Abbreviate paragraph with "para."

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Andrews (1998) stated, "Students need good libraries for research," (p. 245), but he did not offer a reason why.

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According to Andrews (1998), "Students need good libraries for research" (para. 4).



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A **Reference List** is the last page of your research paper and provides a list of all the resources you used to write your essay.

Reference List Reminders

- Capitalize the first word in a title but use lower case for all other words, except for proper names.
- Your Reference List must be double-spaced and in alphabetical order by the first letter of each reference.
- In each reference, every line after the first line must be indented.
- If no author is given for a particular source, begin the reference with the **title** of the work followed by the year.

BOOK

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

Mack, S. R. (1998). *Kabuki: Japanese drama unmasked*. New York: Griffin.

A CHAPTER OR ESSAY IN A BOOK

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year of publication). Title of chapter. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pages of chapter). Place of Publication: Publisher.

Mitchell, M. M. & Lee, K. (1999). Psychology of men. In T. Barrows (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the birth order* (pp. 415-430). Detroit: Hawthorne.
motion. *Journal of Physics*, 52(5), 12-20.

ARTICLE FROM A MAGAZINE/JOURNAL

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year of publication). Title of article. *Title of magazine, volume*(issue), page numbers.

Morrison, G., & Nye, B. (2002). Made in motion. *Business Week*, 52(32), 12-20.

ARTICLE FROM A NEWSPAPER

Author, A. A. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of newspaper*, page numbers.

Morrison, G. (2002, June 3). Made in motion. *The Lexington News*, A1-A2.

ARTICLE FROM AN ONLINE DATABASE

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year of publication). Title of article. *Publication Title, volume*(issue), page numbers. Retrieved [date], from Database Name.

Shouse, E. & Bethel, R.C. (2000). Role of socio-emotional ties in Latin American adolescents. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 66(5), 43-49. Retrieved October 23, 2000, from Proquest database.

WEBSITE

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). *Title of website*. Retrieved [date], from <http://Web address>.

Mavis, R. (2002, June 3). *The beekeepers websource*. Retrieved May 2, 2003, from <http://www.beez.net/12p87>.