Citation Style: APA
Online Citation Guides

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Citation Style Guides

- Help you avoid plagiarism by acknowledging sources
- Citations provide enough details to track down original source
- Each style contains the same basic information
- Information is formatted differently with each style

APA (American Psychological Association) Style – is commonly used in Social Sciences
Citation Elements

Each citation should contain enough information for a reader to track it back to the original source:

– Creator
– Title
– Where and when it was first published
In your APA paper

• Use **In-text citations** whenever you directly quote a source and when you paraphrase
  **AND**

• Provide a full **reference list** at the end of your paper: this will be labeled References

• APA also has guidelines for how you should format your paper
APA is a book! The library has copies.
References

• The **list of sources** used in creating a research paper, a book, etc.

• A **method of giving credit** to the authors from whom information was taken

• A **resource for other researchers** who can use it to get information about the topic

• Goes at the end of your paper
For example

Let’s say your research topic is: **Aboriginal constitutions and self-government development in Canada.**

You find a great article in Academic Search Complete:

In-Text Citation: Quoting

- Place quotation marks around other people’s exact words (“. . .”)
- Don’t rephrase or reorganize the quoted words
- Indicate the source of the quotation using a standard method (e.g. APA)

Tip: if copying an exact passage while researching, use quotation marks
In small minority of countries, ancestry, defined as being removed by more than a single generation, is sufficient for citizenship. The duties attached to citizenship vary to a greater degree. These might include compulsory periods of military service in times of peace, open-ended periods of service in times of war, jury duty, and mandatory voting.

“In small minority of countries, ancestry, defined as being removed by more than a single generation, is sufficient for citizenship.” (Alcantara & Whitfield, 2010, p. 125).
In-text citation using a signal phrase

Alcantara and Whitfield (2010) note that “In small minority of countries, ancestry, defined as being removed by more than a single generation, is sufficient for citizenship” (p. 125).
In-Text Citation: Paraphrasing

• Write other people’s ideas in your own words
• Using synonyms or changing the word order is not sufficient
• Indicate the source of the quotation using a standard method (APA)

Tip: read the passage, close the book, write it in your own words
In-Text Citation: Paraphrasing

The main idea:
Aboriginal communities have specific requirements to prove citizenship.

So, you write...

Alcantara and Whitfield (2010) found that Aboriginal communities have very specific stipulations to prove and maintain citizenship, and clearly state when citizenship can and will be cancelled (p. 130).

The text is completely different, but it’s the same idea and you give credit.
Basics of creating an in-text citation

• Author & date
• For a quotation or a paraphrase, provide the last name of the author, the year of publication, and the page number
• If you are not citing a specific page, put the author’s last name and the year of publication
Reference List Basics

ALWAYS include all sources in your list of references (citations)
References comes after the body of your paper

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110-112). Other scholarship suggests that true incorporation of Aboriginal legal traditions requires reform at the law school level, by expanding the definition of who may provide legal education and in what ways (Gallagher-Mackay 1999).

Overall format

References label centered

Citations in alphabetical order by first author (or title)

Double-spaced, all lines after first line are indented

✓ Every in-text citation in your paper must also appear in the References list at the end

Source: OWL at Purdue University
APA – titles

• Capitalize all major words in journal titles.
• When referring to books, chapters, articles, or Web pages, capitalize only the first letter of the first word of a title and subtitle, the first word after a colon or a dash in the title, and proper nouns. Do not capitalize the first letter of the second word in a hyphenated compound word.
APA – Author names

• Last name always comes first in Works Cited lists
• First names are always only given as an initial Smith, J.

The last name only appears in in-text citations (Smith, 2003, p. 56)

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• Replace the publisher information with the DOI
• If the DOI is not available, include the URL of the book publisher
What’s a DOI?

- **A digital object identifier**
- **Forms a permanent, stable link (URL) for digital documents**

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    • Library “How to” Guides
    • Citing

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• For hours, chat and phone numbers:

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