CLRC Writing Skills Workshop: Incorporating APA Citations

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After attending this workshop, students should be able to do the following:

- Identify information needed for APA Citations.
- Locate and follow APA guidelines.
  - Incorporate in-text citations according to APA guidelines.
  - Create a reference page according to APA guidelines.
Why Cite

- Academic papers require you to use and document outside sources in order to:
  - Lend validity to your argument
  - Allow readers to find out further information on the topic
  - Give credit for intellectual property and avoid plagiarism
When to Cite

- You must cite if you:
  - Use the exact words from a source
  - Express the same idea in your own words
  - Refer to information (facts, statistics, examples) you found in a source

- You don’t need to cite if:
  - The information is common knowledge
  - The source is a widely shared public source—e.g., the Bible or the U.S. Constitution

- When in doubt, use a citation!
The Two Parts of an APA Citation

Citations give your reader two important kinds of information:

- Exactly where in your paper you have relied upon information from each source. This is called an **In-text Citation**.

- All the bibliographic information they would need to find the source themselves. This is included in a **Reference List** at the end of your paper.
Two Parts of an APA Citation

In-text Citation

Sustaining Lifeways, Endangered Lives

Recent work in historical ecology has altered our understanding of how humans have shaped the land and the nature around them. As anthropologist Anna Roosevelt (as cited in Society for California Archaeology, 2000) observed, “People adapt to environments but they also change them.” There are no virgin environments on earth in areas where humans have lived. By one estimate, nearly 12 percent of the Amazon rain forest in Brazil has been shaped or influenced by thousands of years of indigenous human culture (Brookfield, 2001).

Reference list


In-text Citations

- For all in-text citations
  - Author name
  - Date

- For direct quotations
  - Quotation marks
  - Page number
Integrating In-text Citations

Quoting versus Paraphrasing

- Quoting: using the author’s exact words.

  According to recent psychological research, “students favor homework over more strenuous activities” (Williams, 2005, p. 54).

- Paraphrasing: putting the information into your own words.

  According to recent psychological research, doing homework is considered preferable to sports (Williams, 2005).
Integrating In-text Citations

Author’s name in sentence versus in reference

*Research by Wegener and Petty (1994) supports the idea that pets are beneficial in treating depression and other illnesses.*

*Research supports the idea that pets are beneficial in treating depression and other illnesses (Wegener & Petty, 1994).*

If named in sentence, reference includes only year and is followed immediately after the name. If not named, author and year are included in reference at end of sentence.
Activity I

- Working with the person next to you, complete Activity I on the worksheet to practice integrating in-text citations.

- Raise your hand if you have a question or need help.
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2. Publication date
3. Title
4. Publication city and state
5. Publisher

**Webpage**
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2. Publication date
3. Webpage title
4. URL

**Periodical Article**
1. Author(s)
2. Publication date
3. Article title
4. Periodical title
5. Volume & issue numbers
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Example of a book you use for your paper
Identify information you need for citing

The TROUBLE with PHYSICS
The Rise of String Theory, the Fall of a Science, and What Comes Next
Lee Smolin

To Kai

The text includes the following information:
- **Title**: The TROUBLE with PHYSICS
- **Author**: Lee Smolin
- **Publisher**: Houghton Mifflin Company
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Identify information you need for citing

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Author: Kim Kaplan, Agricultural Research Service, Information Staff, (301) 504-1637; Kim.Kaplan@ars.usda.gov
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Activity II

Cite this journal article in APA format

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   Database: Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection
Activity II

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Where to find APA format online?

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General Format

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General APA Guidelines

Your essay should be typed, double-spaced on standard-sized paper (8.5" x 11") with 1" margins on all sides. You should use 10–12 pt. Times New Roman font or a similar font.

Include a page header at the top of every page. To create a page header, insert page numbers flush right. Then type "TITLE OF YOUR PAPER" in the header flush left.

Major Paper Sections

Your essay should include four major sections: the Title Page, Abstract, Main Body, and
Getting Further Assistance

- The *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* is available to look at in the library and at the Writing Center.

- Visit the Purdue OWL website online: [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/)

- APA handouts and additional handbooks are available from both the Writing Center and the library.
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- Evaluating credibility of sources
- MLA and APA citation format

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