The APA Style

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Sources
and http://www.apastyle.org

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At the end of this tutorial you should be able to:

- state the reasons for citing sources
- explain the basic rules of citing using the APA style
- use these rules to cite sources using the APA style
Why Cite?

Citing sources

- acknowledges another person’s intellectual property: ideas, words, data, etc.
- shows you have done research in the field
- strengthens arguments you make in a paper (or presents a counter argument)
- guides your readers (e.g. lecturers, other researchers) who may need to find the resources you used
What is the APA Style?

A particular style for writing papers and preparing references based on the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*.

There are other acceptable styles, e.g. MLA, Chicago.
Citing using APA

• *In text* citing (citing within the text or body of your essay or paper)

• **Reference List** (at the end of your essay or paper)

References cited in the *text* must be in the **Reference List**
AND
Each entry in the Reference List must be cited in the *text*.

"... go together like a horse and carriage"

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Citing in the text:

• shows that you are using material from a source other than yourself

• refers to the source in a brief form

• directs your reader/lecturer to full information on that source in the alphabetical Reference List at the end of your essay/paper.
Citation in text

Alleyne (2001) argued that …

Reference List

Each time you cite a source in your essay/paper you must include:

1. author’s last name -- **OR** title if no author is named
2. date of publication
Alleyne (2001) discusses labour demand in the formal sector…

If it is true that “women enter the labour market with higher levels of education and at a later age than men” (Alleyne, 2001, p. 97) then…
If a work has two authors **always cite both names** in all citations.

When a work has 3-5 authors use all authors in the first citation. In subsequent citations, include only the **surname of the first author** followed by **et al.**
Examples:

Two authors

Chang and McWatt (2000) discuss the literature of the British Caribbean …

Christmas celebrations in late 19\textsuperscript{th} and early 20\textsuperscript{th} century Jamaica retained some aspects of Victorian culture (Moore & Johnson, 2002).
Examples:

Three to five authors

(Teelucksingh, Ali, Fraser, Denbow, and Nicholson, 2001)

[first citation in text]

(Teelucksingh et al., 2001)

[subsequent citation per paragraph]
Two or More Works by the Same Author in the Same Year

Differentiate works by the same author with same publication date by suffixes \textit{a, b, c}

\textbf{Examples:}

Research by Carrington (2001a) showed that...

Several studies (Alleyne, 2004a, 2004b)...
According to Batson-Savage (2005), "Stephens asserts that women are not merely voiceless beings victimised by patriarchal dancehall" (p. 11).

“The perception of Haitians as largely a horde of desperate individuals on the verge of engulfing the U.S. shore line as illegal migrants [is] incorrect and largely destructive” (Lundy, 2007, p. 64).
Batson-Savage (2007) points to the double meaning:

The term is often applied to someone who is a cultural ambassador, one who is sent out to represent the nation’s culture across the nations of the world, thus becoming ‘at large’. .. The same description is used to describe someone who has evaded the law. This aptly describes many of Oliver’s dealings as he attempts to operate outside the system. (pp. 76-77)
Personal communications include:

Letters, personal interviews, e-mail messages

Personal communications should be cited in the text only.

Examples:

According to B. A. Chevannes (personal communication, March 15, 2006) [author’s name in sentence]

(B. A. Chevannes, personal communication, March 15, 2006) [authors name not in the sentence]
The Reference List

- organizes in an alphabetical list all the works cited in the text of your paper
- gives information about each source as appears in the original
- provides information needed to identify and locate each source
Reference List

Books

Author, A. A. (year). *Title of work*. Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example:


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Periodical article


Example

Edition Other Than the First

Author, A. A. (year). *Title of work* (ed.). Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example

Activity: Citing the periodical article
Policing Paradise: Law and Disorder in Belize

Robert Hanson, Greg Warchol & Linda Zupan
Author: William Stanton
Title: Room for Criticism: An Essay
Place of Publication: Princeton, New Jersey
Publisher: Princeton University Press
Year: 1984

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Book with no author named


Chapter in an edited work or reference source


Electronic texts are not as fixed and stable as their print counterparts. Therefore, these citations should provide more information than print citations --

**Dates**
A citation for an online text *may* contain **2 dates**
- the *date of the electronic publication* or *the latest update* and
- the *date on which the researcher accessed the document* (if the source material may change).

**Uniform Resource Locator (URL)**
- Network address or URL.

http://historychannel.com/thisday/today/980820.html
Citing Electronic Publications

**DOI**

- Unique alphanumeric string which identifies content and provides persistent link to its location on the Internet
- Usually (but not always) found on first page of electronic journal article
- When DOI is available, include for both print and electronic sources
- No further retrieval information required when citation includes DOI
- If DOI unavailable and URL included, retrieval date unnecessary unless source material may change over time (e.g. wikis)
Electronic Sources

Examples:

An article from an online Journal

Electronic Sources

Examples:

An article from an online Journal

Databases

Examples:

Reference List

Internet Documents

Example:

Web site (no author identified)

Activity: Citing online articles
Debt -- Undermining Development
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by Anup Shah | This Page Last Updated Monday, July 30, 2001

The URL of this page is: http://www.globalissues.org/TradeRelated/Debt.asp

"Debt reduction has been delayed for many years because governments have been unwilling to admit they have made bad loans, and it is only pressure by Jubilee 2000 and other groups that has made the difference, admits a former IMF and British Treasury insider in a candid article in the prestigious journal Development Policy Review (September 1999)." — Ex-IMF Director admits creditors refuse to acknowledge bad lending. Jubilee 2000, October 20, 1999.

Debt has crippled many developing countries. Often based on loans taken out by prior rulers and dictators (many of which various Western nations put into power to suit their interests), millions face poorer and poorer living standards and precious resources are diverted to debt repayment.

Causes of the Debt Crisis

The causes of debt are a result of mismanaged spending and lending by the West in the 1960s and 70s. Click here to find out more.

The Scale of the Debt Crisis

Total debt continues to rise, despite ever-increasing payments, while aid is falling. The developing world now spends $13 on debt repayment for every $1 it receives in grants. Click here to find out more.

The Heavily In-debt Poor Countries Initiative Is Not Working

The IMF and World Bank have actually admitted that the HIPC initiative is backfiring in some cases and are confirming warnings that debt-relief advocates were making even before the scheme was launched. Click here to find out more.

Debt and the Global Economic Crisis of 1997/98/99

The structural adjustment measures, global, unregulated free markets and lack of protection for emerging economies all contributed to the global economic and financial crisis in the late 1990s. Click here to find out more.

http://www.globalissues.org/TradeRelated/Debt.asp?Print=True
How would you cite the following in your reference list according to the APA style?

- **Author:** Michael Leo Owen
- **Title:** Renewal In A Working-class Black Neighborhood
- **Source:** Journal of Urban Affairs
- **Volume & Issue No.:** Vol. 19, No. 2
- **Database:** Proquest
- **Date:** 1997
- **Pages:** 183-205
Reference List


The *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* offers complete guidelines for manuscript style and citation.

Consult the *Manual* for types of sources not dealt with in this session.

We’ve tried to ensure that this PowerPoint is error free. However, please check your citation manual.

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