

APA Style: In-Text Citation and Reference Page

All information included in an assignment from an outside source should be cited. Information can be directly quoted or paraphrased. Citing allows the reader to find the original source and any additional information it might include, and it prevents plagiarism.

General Rules for In-Text Citations

1. The basic parenthetical citation requires the author's last name, the date of publication, and the page number preceded by the letter "p".

Example:

One sociologist notes that teens today begin to shop for themselves at age 13 or 14, "the same age when lower-class children, in the past, became apprentices or went to work in factories" (Zukin, 2004, p. 50).

2. If the author is referenced in the sentence, the date of publication should follow the name in parenthesis and only the page number needs to be cited at the end.

Example:

Zukin (2004) observes that teens today begin to shop for themselves at age 13 or 14, "the same age when lower-class children, in the past, became apprentices or went to work in factories" (p.50).

3. If the author is unknown, use a shortened version of the title in place of the author's name.

Example:

A review in the *New Yorker* of Ryan Adam's new album focuses on the artist's age ("Pure," 2003, p.2).

4. If the page number is unknown (as with many web-based documents), use the paragraph number preceded by either the paragraph symbol ¶ or the abbreviation *para*.

Example:

(Robinson, 2004, ¶ 7)

Sample Block Quote

Orlean (2001) has attempted to explain the popularity of the painter Thomas Kinkade:

People like to own things they think are valuable...The high price of limited editions is part of their appeal; it implies that they are choice and exclusive, and that only a certain class of people will be able to afford them. (p. 128)

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APA Style References Pages

References pages are the last page of your document. References should be centered at the top of your page and each entry should be alphabetized. The format needs to be double-spaced with a hanging indent.

Books

Lastname, First Initial.(Year). *Title of Book*. Publication City: Publication Company.

Example:

Ball, E. (2000). *Slaves in the family*. New York: Ballantine Books.

Periodicals

Lastname, Firstname. (Year). Article Name. *Name of Journal/Magazine*. Volume Number, Pages.

Example:

Kellogg, R.T. (2001). Competition for working memory among writing processes. *American Journal of Psychology*, 114, 175-192.

Scholarly Journal

Lastname, Firstname. "Article Name." *Name of Journal*. Volume.Issue (Year): Pages.

Example:

Nelson, John. "Social Memory as Ritual Practice: Commemorating the Spirits of the Military Dead at Yasukuni Shinto Shrine." *The Journal of Asian Studies* 62 (May 2003): 443-468.

Database

Lastname, First Initials (Year). Article Title. *Title of Original Publication*, Volume #(Issue #), Page.
Retrieved Month Day, year, from Name of Database.

Example:

Holloway, J.D. (2004). Protecting practitioners' autonomy. *Monitor on Psychology*, 35(1), 30. Retrieved March 15, 2004, from Expanded Academic ASAP database.

For more information on APA Style:

The Online Writing Center at Purdue. <<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/>>

The Penguin Handbook, pages 430-475.

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