

Resource: APA Formatting

This page is intended to equip you with a basic knowledge of how to cite in APA style, but if you want more instructions or would like assistance, please visit the links at the bottom of the page.

Citations

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In-Text Citations

- In-text citations must include the author's last name, the publication date, and the page or pages you're referencing (if relevant).
- If your sentence doesn't mention the author's name, all of this information will go at the end of your sentence and look like this:
 - (last name, year, pp. pages).
 - For example: "A fairly realistic portrayal of how someone might experience culture shock upon visiting a strange land is shown when Rysn visits and does trade with the Shin people (Sanderson, 2014, pp. 533-541)."
 - If you are referencing multiple authors, separate the citations with a semicolon like so: (Sanderson, 2014; Pierce, 2000).
- If you are mentioning the author's name, put the year of publication directly after and then reference any pages at the end of your sentence. For example:
 - "Sanderson's (2014) novel Words of Radiance proves that fantasy books can address real mental health problems, such as PTSD and depression with empathy, allowing audiences to feel things through the experiences of the characters."

For detailed information on formatting APA in-text citations, visit the Purdue University Writing Lab's page on [In-Text Citations](#).

Reference List Formatting

The reference list will provide readers with the full details on the sources you cited in your paper. Every source you cite in your paper should be listed as a reference, in alphabetical order by the author's last name.

Book:

- Format: Author last name, First initial. Middle initial. (publication year). Title.

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- Example, 1 author: Sanderson, B. (2014). Words of Radiance.

Journal Article:

- Format: Author last name, First initial. Middle initial. (publication year). Article title. Title of Periodical, volume number (issue number), pages.
- Example, 2 authors: Soto, C. J., & John, O. P. (2017). The next big five inventory (BFI-2): Developing and assessing a hierarchical model with 15 facets to enhance bandwidth, fidelity, and predictive power. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 113(1), 117-143.

Website:

- Author last name, First initial. Middle initial. (year, month date). Title of page. Site name. URL
- Example: Price, D. (2018, March 23). Laziness does not exist. Medium. <https://humanparts.medium.com/laziness-does-not-exist-3af27e312d01>

For more detailed information on references, visit the Purdue University Writing Lab's page on [basic reference list rules](#). Note the left-hand menu, where you can find more information on referencing specific types of media. Below are some references and examples for common media types.

Additional Resources

- If you need additional assistance with formatting or research, you can Ask a Librarian
- Get 24/7 online tutoring and writing feedback from the Canvas Smarthinking Online Tutoring