APA Citations: The High Points

In-text citations

- Include the author’s last name, date of publication, and page number in parenthesis like this: “Here is my quote” (Jones, 2007, p. 13).

- Use an ampersand (&) with multiple authors in parenthesis like this: “Here is my quote” (Jones, Smith, & Doe, 2010, p. 24).

- When a source has six or more authors, list only the first author’s name along with the abbreviation “et al.” like this: “Here is my quote” (Jones et al., 2013, p. 5).

- You can also use the author’s name and date in a signal phrase, leaving just the page number for the final parenthesis like this: According to Jones (2007), “Here is my quote” (p. 12).

IF……

- A source does not have an author, use the first few words of the reference list entry (usually the title) and the year.
  - …on free care (“Study Finds,” 2007)
  - The book College Bound Seniors (2008)…

- A source has one or two authors, list them all each time.
  - Kessler (2003) found that among epidemiological samples…
  - …as has been shown (Joreskog & Sorbom, 2007).
  - As Kurtines and Szapocznik (2003) demonstrated…

- A source has between three to five authors, list all the authors’ last names the first time the source is mentioned, then list only the first name and add “et al.”
  - Kisangau, Lyaruu, Hosea, and Joseph (2007) found… [first mention of source]
  - Kisangua et al. (2007) argued… [subsequent use of source]

- A source has six or more authors, use only the first author’s last name and write “et al.” each time, including the first.
  - The study (Wasserstein et al., 2005) concluded…

- You summarize, paraphrase, or refer to more than one source in a sentence, you can combine the citations into the parenthesis at the end of the sentence. To do this, put the sources in alphabetical order within the parenthesis and separate them with a semi-colon (;).
  - Several studies (Miller, 1999; Shafranske & Mahoney, 1998) suggested…

- You use a quotation of another author in a different source (indirect sources/quotations), reference the original work in text and add “as cited in ___.”
  - Allport’s diary (as cited in Nicholson, 2003) reported that…
Reference Page

Your Reference page comes at the end of your paper and starts at the top of the page following your conclusion. Like the rest of your paper, double space everything. Also, entries should be formatted so that the first line is flush left while all subsequent lines are indented underneath it. This is called a hanging indentation. The entries must be in alphabetical order by the first author’s last name or the first word in the title, ignoring any initial A, An, or The.

For article and chapter titles, capitalize only the first word in the title and in the subtitle, if any. No italics or quotation marks are needed.

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