

APA: How to create a Reference List:

Include all of the information in the box below, in this ORDER. Skip the information that is not available to you. (So, if there is no author, skip #1 and include #2, etc...).

1. Author (Last name goes first, followed by the first & n middle name initials)
2. Date (year, month, day)
3. Title
4. Source/Publication (name of website, publisher, database, or platform – in *italics*)
5. Page numbers
6. URL

Examples of how to format cited sources (*Notice that each source is listed in **alphabetical** order down the page*):

Price, D. (2018, March 23). *Laziness does not exist*. Medium. <https://humanparts.medium.com/laziness-does-not-exist-3af27e312d01>

Richards, C. (2019, December 9). Best music of 2019: Lana Del Rey sings lullabies about the end of America. *Washington Post*. https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/music/best-music-of-2019-lana-del-rey-sings-lullabies-about-the-end-of-america/2019/12/06/6e82c5ec-15d8-11ea-a659-7d69641c6ff7_story.html

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. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/pspp0000096>

How to make an in-text citation:

You will include the author's last name, the year of publication, and the page number. If there is no author, include the year of publication and the page number. If there's no page number, omit it.

You can introduce the quotation with a signal phrase that includes the author's last name followed by the date of publication in parentheses.

If you do not include the author's name in the text of the sentence, place the author's last name, the year of publication, and the page number in parentheses after the quotation.

Examples:

She stated, "Students often had difficulty using APA style" (Jones, 1998, p. 199), but she did not offer an explanation as to why.

Jones (1998) found a variety of causes for student dissatisfaction with prevailing citation practices.

When do you use in-text citations?

After ANY piece of information that is not an idea of yours from your brain.

You put an in-text citation after EACH paraphrase, EACH quotation AND EACH summary.

Creating Your Reference List

I recommend creating your Reference List first. This should be on a completely separate page at the **end** of your research paper. Format this page like the rest of your paper (font, margins, etc.). For your cited sources, you will want to use the “hanging indent” feature of Microsoft Word. This means that the 2nd and subsequent lines of citations are indented to the right, by five spaces or 1 tab.

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