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SHORT QUOTATIONS

When directly quoting from a work, include the author, year of publication, and the page #.

> According to Jones (1998), "students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time" (p. 199).

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

LONG QUOTATIONS

Direct quotations longer than 40 words should go in a free-standing block of text without quotation marks. Start the quotation on a new line, indented five spaces from the left margin. The quote should still be double spaced. The parenthetical citation should come after the closing punctuation mark.

> Jones's (1998) study found the following:
> > Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time citing sources. This difficulty could be attributed to the fact that many students failed to purchase a style manual or ask their teacher for help. (p. 199)

PARAPHRASING

When paraphrasing an idea from another's work, you only have to make reference to the author and year of publication in your in-text reference. APA guidelines enourage you to provide the page number, though it is not required.

> According to Jones (1998), APA style can be a difficult citation format for first-time learners, so it is important to consult the proper resources to ensure accuracy.

The references page lists the bibliographic information for all the sources that you cited in your paper.

GENERAL FORMAT

•The references list should begin on a new page titled References (with no quotations marks, underline, bold, etc.) centered at the top of the page.

•Reference list entries should be in alphabetical order.

•Double space!

•Use hanging indents. (See the sample Reference page at the end of the handout for an example.)

•Use initials for authors' first and middle names.

•Titles of major works (books, journals, magazines, etc.) should be italicized.

•If a source has more than six authors, list the first six, then add "et al.," which stands for "and others."

•For a work discussed within a secondary source (a citation within a citation), list the source that the work was discussed in and cite that source. For example: **Foucault (as cited in Spivak, 1992) defines...**

EXAMPLES

BOOK BY ONE AUTHOR

Author, A.A. (year of publication). *Title of book.* City of publication: Publisher.

Calfee, R. C. (1991). *APA guide to preparing manuscripts for journal publication.* Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.

BOOK BY TWO OR MORE AUTHORS

Author, A.A. & Author, B.B. (year of publication). *Title of book.* City of publication: Publisher.

Calfee, R. C. & Valencia, R. R. (1991). *APA guide to preparing manuscripts for journal publication.* Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.

Barnes, J., Nichols, E. H., Sun, C. R., Berry, A., & Harlow, T. (1993). Self-esteem stability. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 65,* 1190-1204.

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Institutional author (year of publication). *Title of book.* City of publication: Publisher.

American Allergy Association (1998). *Allergies in Children.* New York: Random, House.

A WORK IN AN ANTHOLOGY OR COLLECTION

Author, A.A & Author, B.B. (year of publication). Title of chapter or article. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), *Title of Book* (pages of chapter or article). City of publication: Publisher.

Gladwell, M. (2007). What the dog saw. In D. F. Wallace (Ed.), *Best American Essays 2007* (86-102). Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

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This handout includes information on how to create in-text citations and works cited entries using APA format. Only the most common types of sources are represented here; for other examples, visit the Purdue OWL APA resource (owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/) or consult the APA Manual (available in the Writing and Communication Center or the Campus Library).

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