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(Generally Used in Sciences, Math and Psychology, Humanities)

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The APA (American Psychological Association) is most commonly used to cite sources in the Sciences and Social Sciences. The most recent edition, the 7th, is laid out in an easy to use format.

In-Text Citations (AKA Parenthetical Citations)

Like the MLA school of citation, APA uses **in-text citations** (also known as **parenthetical citations**) that indicate to the reader that something has been taken from another source. These parenthetical citations correspond with the entries in the Reference list, which include more information, allowing the reader a full picture of the reference material used by the student.

Your in-text citation is very simple to create. After including a piece of information for which a citation is needed, begin with a parenthesis and include the important information (Johnson, 2017, p.215). If the citation sits at the end of a sentence, the period follows the citation. Generally, the important information is the Author's Surname and year of publication. If citing a print source, including the page number is required. If citing a digital source, you would not include the URL. A thorough guide on how to cite different kinds of sources can be found in the TDSB's *Research Success at Your Library* (2017) or at OWL @ Purdue's website. **https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/03/**

Some examples of in-text citations

A work with one author (Assume this one is a print source)
(Tamkei, 2016, p.18)

A work with two authors
(Bhatia & Fahimi, 2017)

A work by three to five authors (Include all of the authors)
(Magson, Kelso, Parsekhian, Philippou & Oldridge, 2013)

A work by six or more authors (Include the first listed author and then use et al.,)
(Vilicic et al., 2016)

A work written by a Corporation or Organization (Subsequent citations can use the Acronym)
(Toronto District School Board, 2015)
(TDSB, 2015)

Citing a source for which you have no date
(Kosowan, n.d.)

Your List of References

At the end of the paper, a list of every source cited within the essay must be included. It doesn't matter how many sources you include, it is to be labelled References.

Your references should begin on a new page separate from the text of the essay; label this page "References" centered at the top of the page. That title is in **Bold Font** (No underline or quotation marks). Like the rest of your essay, your References should be double spaced or 1.5 if your instructor prefers (Purdue Online Writing Lab, 2016).

Your References are to be listed in alphabetical order, based on the first letter of each entry, not based upon the medium.

In each citation, use a hanging indent for every line after the first one.

For multiple articles cited from the same author, list the entries in chronological order, from earliest to most recent.

When referring to books, articles or websites, capitalize only the first letter of the first word of title.

With an electronic source, ensure that the URL does not have an attached hyperlink.

Some examples of References for the List

Book

Law, Jason. (2011). *Science & baseball: Curveballs make physics fun*. Laurier Incorporated.

Newspaper Article

Cross, A. (2017, April 8). The power of positive thinking: Using motivation to push students. *The Toronto Steer.* Retrieved from http://steer.ca/2017/04/08/motivation&students.html

Article from a Database (Include the Volume, Issue and Page range with the Database title)

Philippou, G., & Belevski, K. (2017). Teachers in the wild: Spreading the word about the social sciences. *History Teachers Monthly*, 14(2), 151-162. Retrieved March 20, 2022 from Advanced Placement Source

In the case of the Database, italicize the DB, not the title of article.

Government Publication

Government of Canada Heritage Department. (2017). *The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. https://publications.gc.ca/collections/Collection/CH37-4-3-2002E.pdf

A Tweet

@bankofcanada. (2022, April 26). *Governor Tiff Macklem and Senior Deputy Governor Carolyn Rogers are appearing before the House of Commons #FINA committee [Tweet].* Twitter. https://twitter.com/bankofcanada/status/1518607489746575361?cxt=HHwWgoC9uendlpMqAAAA

Online Lecture Notes

Kosowan, K. (2022, January 15). *Optional Themes: Knowledge and Technology* [PowerPoint Slides]. Ken Kosowan. https://tdsb.elearningontario.ca/d2l/le/lessons/20231195/topics/178200330

YouTube Video

Crash Course. (2020, June 1). *Revolutions in Science and Tech: Crash Course European History #44* [Video*].* YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDEmHQhGkBg&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMsMTfmRomkVQG8AqrAmJFX&index=45

A TikTok Video

@instituteofhumananatomy (2022, April 22) *#ScienceClass #AnatomyClass #SpinalCord #AnatomyIsCool* [Video]. TikTok. https://www.tiktok.com/@instituteofhumananatomy/video/7089864862029008174?is_copy_url=1&is_from_webapp=v1

Website (General)

All 33 Chile miners freed in flawless rescue. (2010, October 13). MSNBC. Retrieved May 15, 2018 from http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39625809/ns/world_news-americas/

For more information, please consult your Teacher-Librarian or OWL @ Purdue, which offers a comprehensive guide on citation rules.

To create the running head, insert page numbers and include the title

So What Does This Look Like in the Real World?

The Title Page

After the title page, you simply include the title of your essay in ALL CAPS. The page number is still present.

The Name of My Particular Assignment

Student Name

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute

The APA recommends using 12 pt. Times New Roman font.

So What Does This Look Like in the Real World?

The Actual Essay Itself

Your title should be flush left and be written in ALL CAPS.

Humans have fantasized since ancient times about heroes and heroines who overcome adversity to succeed in life as depicted in countless myths and fairytales. These heroes/heroines are portrayed as normal or even unfortunate yet they rise to become extraordinary despite the tragic fate they were raised in. This happens with people today like Bill Clinton who was once ridiculed in for being obese; he overcame this challenge and became the president of the United States. This leads to the question, what allows these people to overcome adversity? Despite the allure of this question, it wasn't till the late 1960s till the scientific study of resilience was explored (Masten A., 2007). Throughout a person's lifetime, they are exposed to at least one life-threatening or violent situation (Ozer, Best, Lipsey, & Weiss, 2003) and each person copes with them differently. Some individuals experience acute distress which plagues them across their lifetime. Others appear to recover quickly from the trauma but later become victim to unexpected health problems or become unable to relish their life. However, there is a group of people who manage to withstand traumatic events better than the majority with no significant disturbance in their ability to function and appear to usurp new challenges with relative ease. These people were known by many names to psychologists from "invulnerable" to "resistant" but nowadays they are referred to as resilient. This essay aims to explore the

This is what a parenthetical citation looks like.

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The Last Page

You still include your running head at the top of your last page.

The last page of your submission is titled References, regardless of how many sources are cited.

Your list of references is to be in alphabetical order.

Notice that the second and third lines are indented.

References

All 33 Chile miners freed in flawless rescue. (2010, October 13). MSNBC. Retrieved March 19, 2022 from http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39625809/ns/world_news-americas/

Crash Course. (2020, June 1). *Revolutions in Science and Tech: Crash Course European History #44* [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDEmHQhGkBg&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMsMTfmRomkVQG8AqrAmJFX&index=45

Cross, A. (2017, April 8). The power of positive thinking: Using motivation to push students. *The Toronto Steer.* Retrieved April 14, 2022 from http://steer.ca/2017/04/08/motivation&students.html

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