



# Intro to APA Style

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# What is APA Style?

- guidelines developed by the American Psychological Association (APA)
- appears in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (now in 6<sup>th</sup> edition)
- tells you how to show that you're using sources, how your paper should look on the page, etc.

# What is citing?

citing = referencing, referring to your source

i.e. telling the reader where the words and info in your paper came from

We cite in order to

- avoid plagiarism

plagiarism = “presenting another person's ideas, words, or other intellectual property, including material found on the Internet, as one's own” (STU Calendar, Section Seven E., p. 310)

- show respect to authors
- help the reader

# How do we cite in APA?

2 parts

- list of references
- in-text citation

# List of References

- starts on a new page (usually last page)
- lists all sources you used
- contains complete publication information about each source

# List of References

## Books

[author]. [date of publication]. [title]. [place of publication]: [publisher]. [doi: or Retrieved from URL]

Freedman, J. L., & Doob, A. (1968). *Deviancy: The psychology of being different*. New York, NY: Academic Press.

Canter, D. V. (2010). *Forensic psychology: A very short introduction*. Oxford, England: Oxford UP.  
Retrieved from <http://lib.mylibrary.com.proxy.hil.unb.ca/Open.aspx?id=293918>

# Exercise

Schmid, D. (2005). *Natural born celebrities: Serial killers in American culture*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

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## Journal Articles

[author].[date of publication].[article title].[journal title],  
[volume number](issue number),[page  
numbers].[doi or URL]

Angelique, H. L., Rodriguez, R., Culley, M. R., Brown, R., & Binette, A. J. (2013). (EM-)powering community psychology through an examination of social power. *Journal of Community Psychology, 41*(6), 725-742.

Bourget, D., & Gagne, P. (2012). Women who kill their mates. *Behavioural Sciences & the Law, 30*, 598-614. doi: 10.1002/bsl.2033



# Exercise

Branson, A. L. (2013). African American serial killers:  
Over-represented yet underacknowledged.  
*Howard Journal of Criminal Justice*, 52(1), 1-18.  
doi:10.1111/j.1468-2311.2012.00731.x

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# In-Text Citation

- in-text citation = referring to sources inside your paper (i.e. not at the end)
- **use in-text citation whenever you mention ideas, information, words or opinions from a source in your paper**
- 3 items to include:
  1. last name of author(s)
  2. year of publication
  3. page numbers (for quotations or specific facts)

# In-Text Citation

## **Authors Named in Sentence (3-5 authors)**

### *First citation*

e.g. According to Simpson, Butler, and Toron (2009), researchers often do not take male rape victims into account.

### *Later*

e.g. Simpson et al. (2009) point out that “only three significant studies since 1980 have included male interviewees” (p. 18).

## **Authors Not Named in Sentence**

e.g. One study found that young offenders who attend conciliation meetings are 30% less likely to reoffend (Ruber & Skoal, 2005, p. 116).

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