



APA In-Text Citations

(American Psychological Association)

General rules

In-text citations contain two elements: the surname(s) of the author(s) and the year of publication.

For each in-text citation you should provide a complete reference in the reference list at the end of the paper.

Author's name in text: Cite only the publication year in parentheses after the author's name.

In-text example:

In *The New Jim Crow* Alexander (2010) examines the mass incarceration of minorities produced by the War on Drugs and argues persuasively that it functions as a means of social control.

In reference list:

Alexander, M. (2010). *The new Jim Crow: Mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness*.
New York, NY: New Press.

Author's name not in text: Cite the author's last name and the publication year, separated by a comma, in parentheses at the end of the sentence.

In-text example:

The New Jim Crow makes a powerful case for reforming drug laws in the United States (Alexander, 2010).

In reference list:

Alexander, M. (2010). *The new Jim Crow: Mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness*.
New York, NY: New Press.

No author listed for source: When there is no author listed for a work, cite the first few words of the title, followed by the publication year in parentheses at the end of the sentence.

In-text example:

A recent study by economists at the New York Federal Bank concludes that a person with a bachelor's or associate's degree will earn far more money than someone with only a high school diploma ("Is a College Degree," 2014).

In reference list:

Is a college degree still worth it? Study says yes. (2014). *AP Financial Press*. Retrieved from Academic Search Premier database.

Short quotations: If you quote directly from a work, cite the author, publication year, and page number in parentheses after the end of the quotation, followed by a period. For electronic and Internet sources, give page numbers only if the source includes page numbers from a printed work.

In 1948 Eleanor Roosevelt's committee finished drafting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a document that has since become "a pillar of a new international system under which a nation's treatment of its own citizens was no longer immune from outside scrutiny" (Glendon, 2001, p. xvi).

In reference list:

Glendon, M.A. (2001). *A world made new: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. New York, NY: Random House.

Long quotations: If your quotation is more than forty words long, place it in a block of text that begins on a new line and is indented a half inch from the left margin. Do not enclose your quotation in quotation marks. At the end of your quotation, cite its source, publication year, and page number in parentheses. For electronic and Internet sources, give page numbers only if the source includes page numbers from a printed work.

In-text example:

The current scientific consensus finds that:

Anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions have increased since the pre-industrial era, driven largely by economic and population growth, and are now higher than ever. This has led to atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide that are unprecedented in at least the last 800,000 years. (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2014, p. 4)

In reference list:

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). (2014). *Climate change 2014: Synthesis report: Contribution of Working Groups I, II and III to the fifth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*. Retrieved from <http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/syr/>

Consult these online and print resources for more details and examples:

- *The OWL at Purdue* at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/2/>
- *Basics of APA Style Tutorial*
<http://www.apastyle.org/learn/tutorials/basics-tutorial.aspx>
- *APA Style Blog* <http://blog.apastyle.org/>
- *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th ed. (REF BF76.7 .P83 2010)
- *APA style guide to electronic resources* (REF BF 76.7 .A73 2007)