APA Citations

When doing research for math, sciences, or the personal project, you need to include two key items:

#1: Reference list
#2: In-text citations in your writing or presentation

Creating a Reference List

A reference list is a list of all the sources you have used to complete your assignment. Citations make up your reference list.

A reference list citation is made up of the following:

Author’s Last Name, First Initial (or name of the organization that wrote the piece). Title of article or website. *Name of the journal, website or book (in italics)*. Date Retrieved, from (name of website).

Example:


To create a reference list, you can follow the steps above, or use an online citation generator such as:

- www.citethisforme.com
- www.citationmachine.net
- www.easybib.com
- www.bibme.org

How to format your reference list:

1) Open a word document. Write the title References.
2) Arrange your citations in alphabetical order (using the first letter of the last name)
3) Use a hanging indent by: highlighting text>right click>paragraph>special>hanging.
4) Double space
In-Text Citations

When finding information from your source, you will show your knowledge in two ways: quoting and paraphrasing.

Using Quotes

A quote is when you use someone’s exact words from a source. This means the information from the source has been copied and pasted. To show you have done this, you must use “quotation marks” around the words, and you must source the information using an in-text citation using the author’s last name, or the name of the organization you found the information from.

Example: Elon Musk stated that "In 10 years, more than a half of new vehicle production will be electric" (Muoio, 2017).

Using a Paraphrase

A paraphrase is when you take someone else’s ideas or words and put them into your own words. Even though they are your words, they are not your ideas, and you must show where you found the information from by using an in-text citation.

Example: In an interview with Business Insider, Elon Musk made a bold statement about the future of electric cars, and that in 10 years, over half of the vehicles being produced will not run on gas (Muoio, 2017).