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In-Text Citations

**DIRECT QUOTES:** If you are quoting directly (if you are putting the author’s words in your paper) in APA, you need the author’s last name, the year, and the page number.

- **In the middle of a sentence:**
  - As some have claimed, “Citations are important” (Smith, 2008, p. 112); however, accuracy in citations may be even more important.

- **At the end of a sentence:**
  - As some have claimed, “Citations are important” (Smith, 2008, p. 112).

- **Author mentioned in the sentence:**
  - Smith (2008) claimed, “Citations are important” (p. 112).

- **If there are no page numbers (for online material):**
  - Smith (2008) claimed, “Citations are important” (para. 5).
  - OR If there are section titles: Smith (2008) claimed, “Citations are important” (Citation Section, para. 5).
  - OR If the section title is very long: Smith (2008) claimed, “Citations are important” (“Citation Styles,” para. 5). (Instead of Citations Styles in the Modern Age Section.)

- **If there is no author:**
  - The article “Citation Today” (2008) stated, “Citations are important” (p. 112).
  - OR “Citations are important” (“Citation Today,” 2008, p. 112).
  - OR The book *Citation Today* (2008) claimed, “Citations are important” (p. 112).
  - OR “Citations are important” (*Citation Today*, 2008, p. 112).

- **If there are two authors: Cite both names every time. (In parenthesis, use the “&” symbol. In the sentence, use the word “and”:**
  - Smith and Jones (2008) claimed, “Citations are important” (p. 112).
  - OR The article claimed, “Citations are important” (Smith & Jones, 2008, p. 112).

- **If there are three to five authors:**
  - 1st time: Smith, Jones, and Johnson (2008) claimed, “Citations are important” (p. 112).
  - Every time after that: Smith, et al. (2008) found, “Citations are far more important than many other issues” (p. 112).
  - OR 1st time: The authors showed, “Citations are important” (Smith, Jones, and Johnson, 2008, p. 112).
  - Every time after that: The authors claimed, “Citations are far more important than many other issues” (Smith, et al., 2008, p. 112).

- **If there are six or more authors:**
  - Every time: Smith, et al. (2008) claimed, “Citations are important” (p. 112).

- **Of “classical works” (such as the Bible or the Qur’an):**
  - 1 Cor. 12:1 (New International Version)
  - (Qur’an 5:3)
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- **Of Personal Communications:**
  - Smith (personal communication, August 8, 2008) claims, “Citations are important.”
  - OR “Citations are important” (Smith, personal communication, August 8, 2008).

**INDIRECT QUOTES:** Remove page numbers from the examples for direct quotes. No page numbers are needed if you are not quoting directly. Here are a couple of examples to give you the idea.

- At the end of a sentence:
  - The importance of citations is noted by many authors in the field (Smith 2008).
- Author mentioned in the sentence:
  - Smith (2008) pointed out the importance of citations.

**References**

In APA, you need to include a reference list with all the works you used, EXCEPT classical works and personal communication. The reference page should be double spaced with a hanging indent. Entries should appear in alphabetical order.

- Author’s names are listed by last name, first initial (Smith, G.).
- For locations, you have to include the city and the state UNLESS the publisher is a university and the state is given in its name (University of Minnesota Press).

**CLASSICAL WORKS AND PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS:** No reference page entry needed.

**BOOK WITH ONE AUTHOR:**


**BOOK WITH TWO TO SEVEN AUTHORS:**


**BOOK WITH MORE THAN SEVEN AUTHORS:** (See example for journal article with more than seven authors for the author format. After the authors, follow the format for a book.)

**CHAPTER IN A BOOK:**


**BOOK WITH NO AUTHOR:**

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