



# INFORMATION LITERACY PROGRAM

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## APA STYLE

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### REFERENCE CITATIONS IN TEXT

Insert the surname of the author and the year of publication in the text at the appropriate point.

One author: In one developmental study (Smith, 1990), children learned  
Two authors: Cite both names every time: Jones and [or &] Smith (1989) indicate  
Multiple authors: 1<sup>st</sup> citation: Masserton, Slonowski, and Slowwinski (1990) state that  
Subsequent citations: Masserton et al. (1990) state that

### REFERENCE LIST

#### **Basic Non-periodical Entry:**

**Author, A. A (Year). *Title of Work*. Location: Publisher.**

Single Author:

Nabigon, H. (2006). *The Hollow Tree: Fighting addiction with traditional native healing*.  
Montreal: McGill.

Two or More Authors:

Utle, R. M., Washburn, W. E. (2002). *Indian Wars*. Boston: First Mariner Books.

#### **Basic Periodical Entry**

**Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C., (year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, x(x) xxx-xxx.**

Findlay, I. M., Weir, W. I. (2011). Accounting and aboriginal peoples: From the bottom line to lines of relation. *Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development*, 7(2) 55-69.

#### **Online Document (List as much information as possible.)**

Author, A. A. (Year, Month, Day) *Title of Work*. [Description of form]. Retrieved from <http://www.xxx.xys>.

**NOTE:** Include a retrieval date only with material that is expected to change over time

Smith, S. (2006, January 5). *Re: Disputed estimates of IQ* [Electronic mailing list message]. Retrieved from <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/ForensicNetwork/message/670>.



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## APA IN-TEXT

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#### **Short Quotations or Paraphrases**

- Identify the source's author by surname (typically the last name) and the date of publication.
- Surnames and dates may appear *either* in the sentence *or* in parentheses.
- If including surnames in parentheses, always include the date of publication in the parentheses.
- To cite a specific part of a source, indicate the page, chapter, figure, table, or equation
- Always provide page numbers for quotations. For online material without pagination, provide the number of the paragraph in which the quoted material appears.
- APA does not require page numbers for paraphrased material; however, including this information may be helpful.
- If the source has no author, use a shortened version of the title.

#### **Work by One Author:**

Early onset results in a more persistent and severe course (Kessler, 2003).

#### **Paraphrase of one Work by One Author:**

Meyers (2003) provided the definitive treatment of the issue....This study shows that no such correlation exists (Meyers, 2003, p.10).

#### **Three to Five Authors:**

Lynch, Laver, Hosea, and Joseph (2007) provided the definitive treatment of the issue....This study showed that no such correlation exists (Lynch et al., 2007).

#### **Source with No Author and No pagination:**

According to *College Bound Seniors (2008)*, "Total hours of preparation is the strongest predictor of SAT success" (para. 2).

#### **Citing an Indirect Source (Citing from a Secondary Source):**

Kinsey's diary (as cited in Marx, 2003) is explicit: "I do not agree" (p.55).

#### **Citing an interview or personal communication:**

J. C. Jones (personal communication, April 12, 2009) explained, "The Congress was ambivalent with regard to the Supreme Court's decision."