

APA CITATION IN 4 EASY STEPS

APA (American Psychological Association) style is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. It was developed to standardize scientific writing and is nowadays widely adopted in many subject domains.

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IDENTIFY YOUR SOURCE



Book ?



Journal ?



Website ?



Magazines ?

WHY DO CITATION?

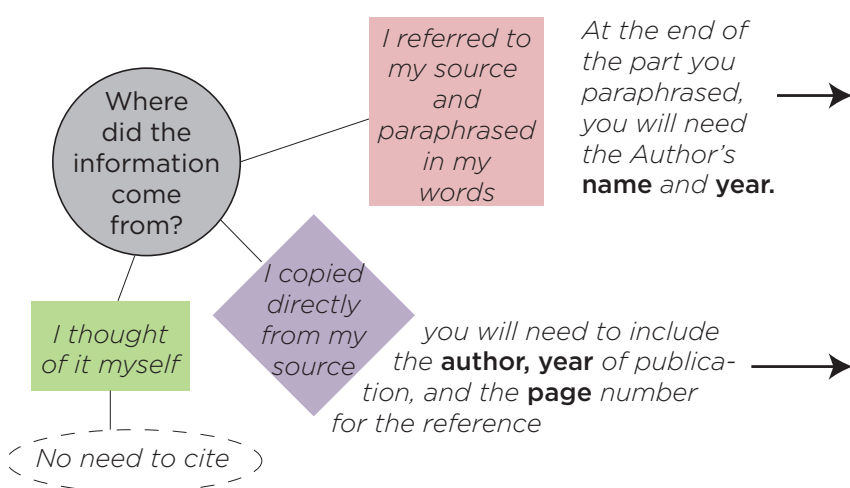
In academic writing, cite the sources whenever ideas are quoted or paraphrase the ideas of an author. The purpose of doing this is to:

1. avoid being accused of plagiarism
2. give credit to the author
3. support your arguments
4. add credibility to your own work

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CREATE THE IN-TEXT CITATION

When using APA format, follow the author-date method of in-text citation. This means that the author's last name and the year of publication for the source should appear in the text, for example, (Jones, 1998).



WEBPAGE WITH AUTHOR

Role-play can help children learn techniques for coping with bullying (Kraiser, 2011).

WEBPAGE NO AUTHOR

The term Nittany Lion was coined by Penn State football player Joe Mason in 1904 (All things Nittany, 2006).

PUBLICATION WITH SIGNAL PHRASE

According to Jones (1998), "Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time" (p. 199).

PUBLICATION WITHOUT SIGNAL PHRASE

She stated, "Students often had difficulty using APA style" (Jones, 1998, p. 199), but she did not offer an explanation as to why.

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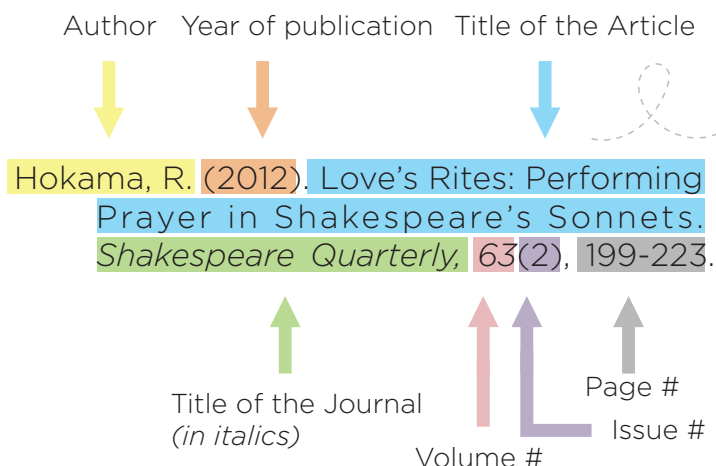
CREATE THE OUT-OF-TEXT CITATION

Let's use an **article** example to show you how to assemble the information together.

* Note that different sources uses different formatting style.

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ADD TO YOUR REFERENCES LIST



Arrange in alphabetical order

Hokama, R. (2012). Love's Rites: Performing Prayer in Shakespeare's Sonnets. *Shakespeare Quarterly*, 63(2), 199-223.

Méder, Fleisch, & Peeters. (2017). Naiveté and sophistication in dynamic inconsistency. *Mathematical Social Sciences*, 87, 40-54.

Sabur, S. (2014). Marital Mobility in the Bangladeshi Middle Class: Matchmaking Strategies and Transnational Networks. *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, 1-19.

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ONLINE GUIDE
FOR MORE EXAM-
PLS OF THE WAYS
TO CITE DIFFERENT
SOURCES!



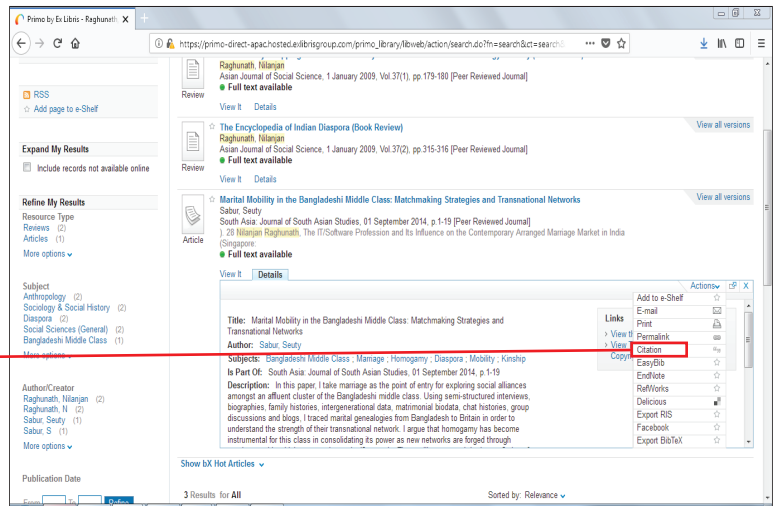
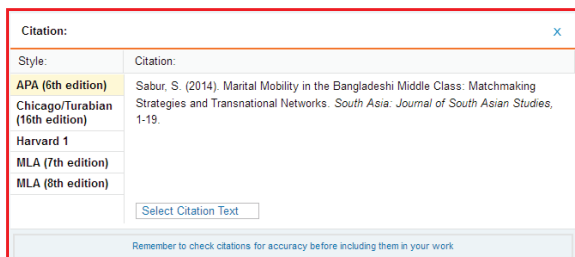
WHEN 4 STEPS IS STILL TOO **TROUBLESOME**

3 EASY WAYS TO **AUTOMATE** CITATION PROCESS!

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USE LIBRARY ISEARCH

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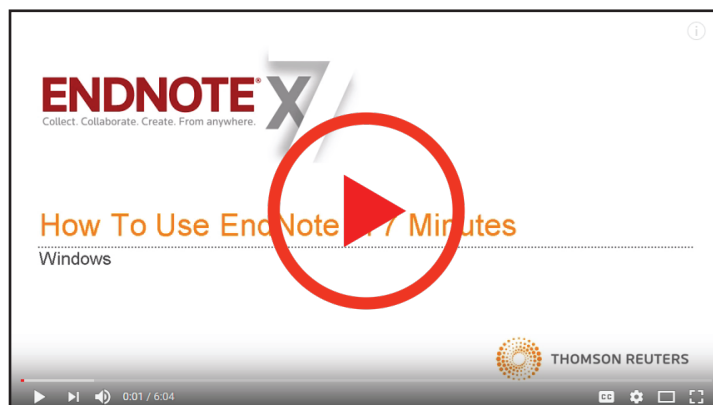


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USE ENDNOTES

No more manually typing or arranging references with a big headache, or be perplexed by the many different citation styles. Use Endnote X7 to directly import PDF (to generate citations and reference list), send reference records from Web of Science in a flash of seconds, and more features for you to explore. (Some more, FREE software license for SUTD students!).

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USE CITATION MACHINE

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