

# *CREATING CITATIONS & BIBLIOGRAPHIC ENTRIES*

*Why do we use it?*

## *What is a citation?*

A citation attributes the use of words, ideas, or information taken from another author, or any other work as part of a scholarly research.

If the information is not general knowledge and it came from somewhere else, then a citation is necessary to give credit to the source.

## *What is an in-text citation?*

- An in-text citation is also called a **parenthetical citation**.
- An in-text citation can be a direct quote, summary, or a rephrased thought or idea from another source.
- An in-text citation draws the reader's attention to an outside source and denotes a reference in the bibliographic page.

## *What is a bibliographic style?*

- Bibliographic elements consists of information needed to verify the source of information.
- The style of the citation or bibliographic elements depends upon the school for which the academic paper is written.
- The style determines punctuation, order of presentation, and which bibliographical information must be included

## *Why do we use citations?*

### Use citations to

- Give credit to another source of information.
- Allow readers to locate the sources and establish credibility and reliability of the information
- Demonstrate an author's skill and expertise in research.
- Recognize opposing arguments and support the writer's ideas.
- Avoid plagiarism and copyright infringement.

# Citation Style Guides

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APA

American Psychological Association

Used by Education, Psychology, and Sciences

Chicago/Turabian

Similar styles that are used by business, economics, the social sciences and humanities.

MLA

Modern Language Association

Used by the Humanities which may include the study of modern and classical languages, linguistics, literature, philosophy, religion, and ethics.

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*Most Common Style Guides*

Personal thoughts, observations, or opinions do not need citations. Likewise, citations are not necessary if the information used is considered common knowledge.

Once someone else's information is used in a research paper, the source needs to be acknowledged in-text and a complete entry of the source information should be given in a bibliographic page. Common sources used by academic writers include books, journal articles, newspapers, electronic resources, websites, organizational statistics, video, and personal interviews.

Other examples of sources that should also be included in a reference are magazines, letters or emails, online forums, notes from university lectures or webinars, pictures, songs, or any other work created by someone else that is relevant to the research at hand.

*When are citations used?*

## Citation and Bibliographic Creation Help and other useful links

[APA Style Blog](#)

[APA Style.org](#)

[Chicago /Turabian/citation-guide](#)

[NCSU citation builder](#)

[MLA Style](#)

[Citing Electronic Sources in APA Style](#)

[Citing Multimedia in APA Style](#)

[Citing online images in APA/MLA/Chicago](#)

[Purdue Owl](#)

[Mcgill Citation Management](#)

*Remember to verify all citations and bibliographic formats using the correct style manual for your subject.*