APA 7: BASICS OF CITATION

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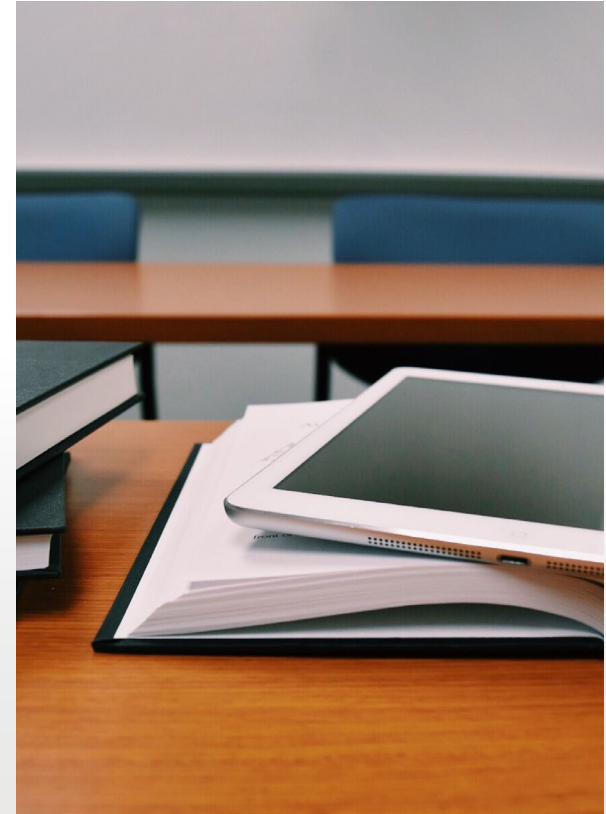
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GOALS

- Better understand APA 7 style

- Get comfortable using APA 7 style for references and in-text citations

- Know where to find more APA resources and who to ask for research and writing support

THINK ABOUT IT!

- With APA style, what do you feel confident in doing correctly?

- With APA style, what are some things you need to know more about?

- How much time do you usually give yourself to write down source information and draft/edit your citations?

APA 7 CITATION BASICS

Why cite? Use APA 7 in-text citations and references to:

- **Give credit** to the people whose ideas you have used

- **Identify original sources** for your instructor and peers

IN-TEXT CITATIONS AND REFERENCES WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

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- In academic writing, you MUST acknowledge the original sources of any ideas or information that you use in your work.

In-Text Citation
- In the text of your paper
- Identifies facts and ideas in a quote or paraphrase
- Helps reader find source in reference list

Reference List
- On the last page of your paper
- Lists locations of outside sources of facts or ideas in your work
- Helps reader find the original source

Original Source
- Content created and owned by someone else
- Reader can check credibility of sources
- Reader can learn more about the topic

REFERENCE LIST BASICS: CONTENT

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APA 7 reference list entries include four key pieces of information, presented in the following order:

- **AUTHOR**: *Who* is responsible for this work?

- **DATE**: *When* was this work published?

- **TITLE**: *What* is this work called?

- **SOURCE**: *Where* can I retrieve this work?

REFERENCE LIST BASICS: STYLE

APA 7 references use one of two font style patterns:

- **ITALIC TITLE** for works that stand alone
  - books, reports, dissertations, etc:

    Wilk, M. J. (2021). *Sorrentino's Canadian textbook for the support worker (5th ed.).* Elsevier Canada.

- **ITALIC SOURCE** for works that are part of a greater whole
  - journal, magazine, & newspaper articles; podcast episodes; blog posts; etc:

    Bennett, N. (2022, June 9). B.C. company launches training course for Indigenous entrepreneurs. *Times Colonist.* https://www.timescolonist.com/business/bc-company-launches-training-course-for-indigenous-entrepreneurs-5463193

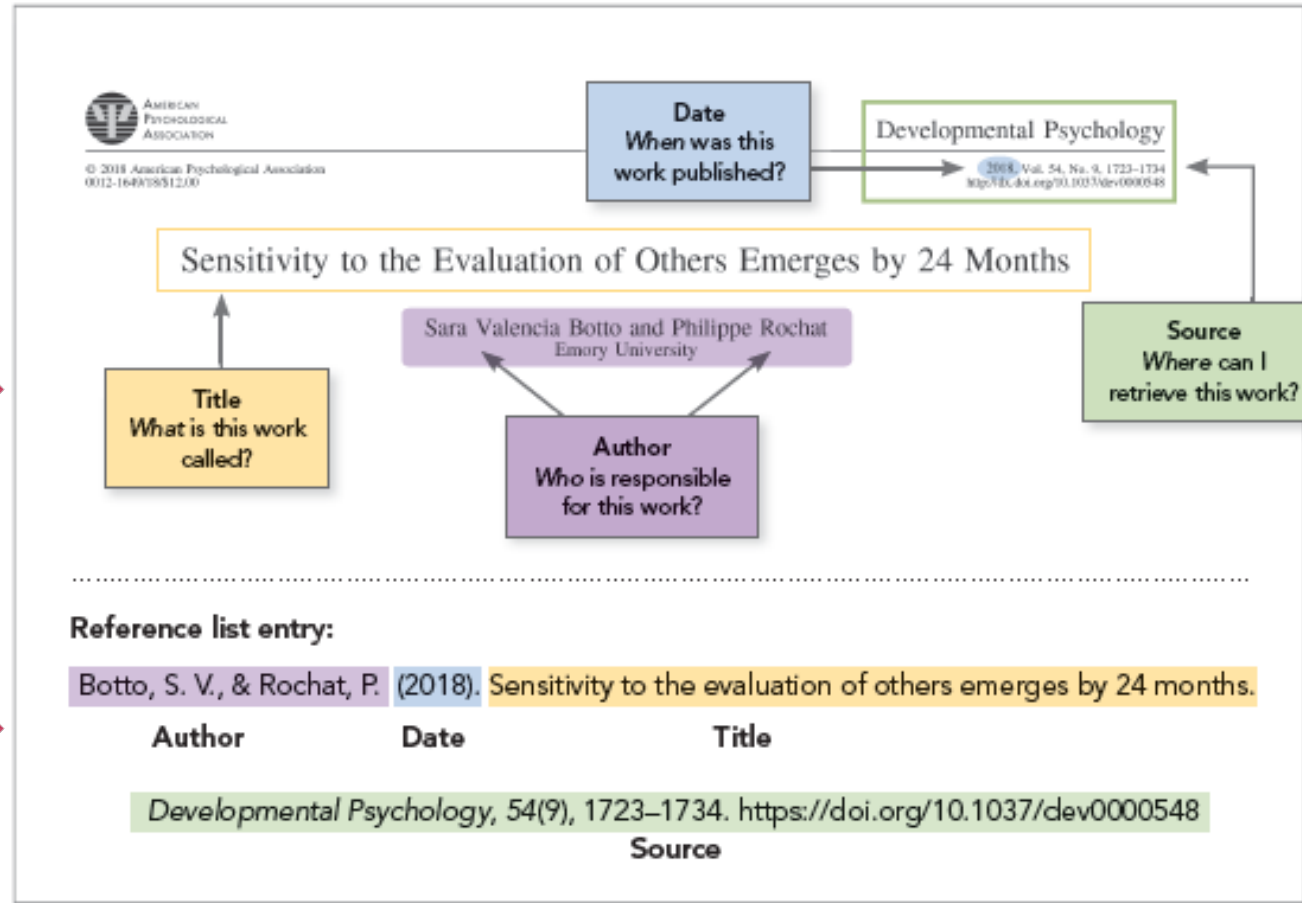NOTE: The name of the source is in *italics*, but for online sources, the url or doi is in regular font style.

Figure 1. From "Basic Principles of Reference List Entries," 2019, American Psychological Association. Retrieved from https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references/basic-principles

IN-TEXT CITATIONS BASICS: CONTENT " "

- APA 7 uses the **author-date citation system** to help the reader find the source in your **reference list**.

- What's included in an in-text citation?

  - The author's last name and the date of publication - Wilk (2021)

    - *One or two authors?* Include the name(s) in every citation

    - *Three or more authors?* Include the name of the first author plus "et al."

    - *Unknown author?* Include the title of publication

    - *Date unknown?* Use "n.d."

    - *Quotation?* Include the page number (or another way to find the quoted text – section or heading name, paragraph number, etc.)

IN-TEXT CITATIONS BASICS: STYLE " "

APA 7 in-text citations use one of two styles:

- **Parenthetical** – author and date occur at the end of a sentence in parentheses
  - Use "&" for two author names - (Botto & Rochat, 2018)
  - Include the author(s) and year every time - (Wilk, 2021)

- **Narrative** – author is a part of the sentence, followed by the date in parentheses
  - Use "and" for two author names - Botto and Rochat (2018)…
  - Use a signal verb to connect the author to the idea – Wilk (2021) claimed…

NOTE: Use simple past (Wilk **claimed,** "…") or present perfect (Wilk **has claimed**, "…") for signal verbs.

Reference list entry

Possible in-text citations

Reference list entry: Alexander, P. A. (2018). Past as prologue: Educational psychology's legacy and progeny. *Journal of Educational Psychology,* *110*(2), 147–162. https://doi.org/10.1037/edu0000200

Parenthetical citation: (Alexander, 2018)

This is important "whether at the level of the individual student or entire populations of learners" (Alexander, 2018, p. 13).
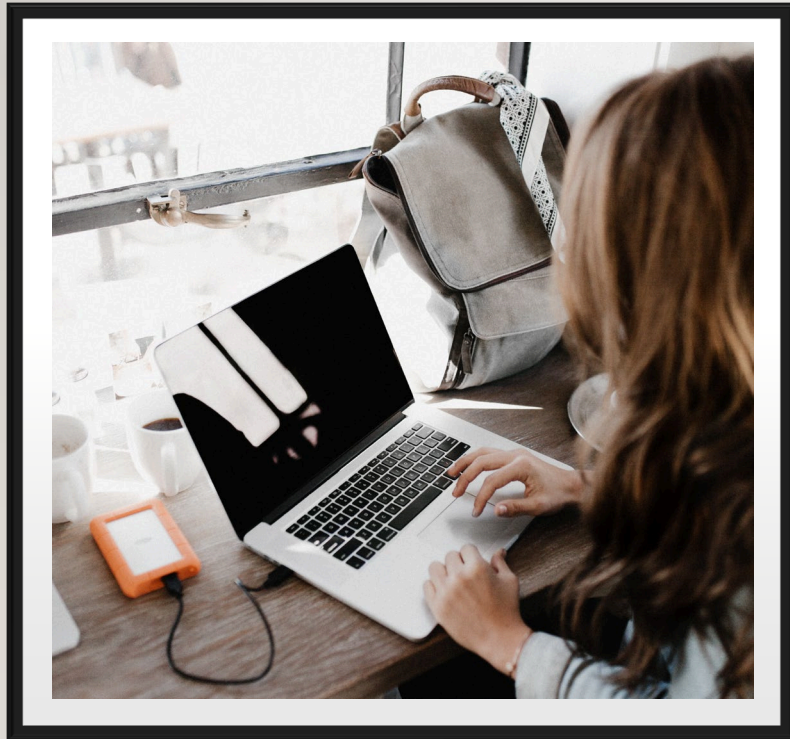
Narrative citation: Alexander (2018)

Alexander (2018) felt this was important "whether at the level of the individual student or entire populations of learners" (p. 13).

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SOME TIPS FOR SUCCESS

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- Save time/trouble by writing down source information (URLs, etc.) in your research notes
  - ⚠ **Ask your librarian** about reference tools like RefWorks, CitationMachine, etc.

- Notice how other writers fit citations into their sentence style – get help at **the Writing Centre**

- Keep Camosun Library's APA Quick Guide handy: you **will** need it!

Most importantly, remember:
Doing citations correctly takes TIME – sometimes a lot!
- **write down source info** when researching
- give yourself time to **draft/edit your citations**

GO BEYOND THE BASICS OF APA 7 CITATIONS...

- For more detailed information on APA 7 in-text citations and references, visit the Camosun MSS website, camosunmss.opened.ca, under *Additional English Support/ Self-Access Study Resources/ Research & APA:*

    - **Beyond the Basics: APA 7 In-Text Citations -** Learn how to use information from outside sources in your work and cite the sources appropriately following APA 7 style.

    - **Beyond the Basics: APA 7 Reference Lists -** Learn how to format your reference list entries appropriately following APA 7 style, whether the source is a book, an article, a video, or even PPT slides from your D2L course site!
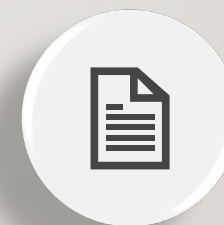
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Camosun College Library Research Guides – APA Citation Style (7th ed.)

Finished your assignment? Review the Camosun Library APA 7th ed. Checklist

Need quick answers? Consult the Camosun Library APA 7th ed. Quick Guide

More support and examples in the APA Style: Handouts and Guides

Overview with **visuals and colour** from Fanshawe College: APA 7th ed. Guide

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