



## ASA Citation Style

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### In-Text References

#### **General Rules:**

- Cite the last name of the author and year of publication
- Include page numbers when you quote directly in the text should give page references
- Block quotations (direct quotations of more than 40 words) should be offset from the main text
- Do not include quotation marks with block quotes

#### **Examples:**

##### **Author's name written in paragraph/sentence text:**

- State the author in text and put the date in parentheses
- When Duncan (1959) studied...

##### **Author's name not in the text:**

- Enclose last name and year in parentheses
- When these relationships were studied (Gouldner 1963)

##### **Pagination is needed:**

- Include page references when you directly cite the authors' words and when you think it will help the reader
- Page number(s) should follow the year of publication after a colon
- As tabulated by Kuhn (1970:71) the results show... OR (Kuhn 1970:71)

##### **Two Authors:**

- Give both last names
- (Martin and Bailey 1988)...

##### **Three authors:**

- Give all last names in the first citation in the text; afterwards use the first name and et al
- First Use... (Carr, Smith, and Jones 1962), thereafter... (Carr, et al. 1962)

##### **Four or More Authors:**

- Use only the first author's last name plus et al
- (Nelson, et al. 2005)

##### **Institutional (Gov, Corp, etc) authorship:**

- Supply minimum identification from the beginning of the complete citation
- (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1963:117)...

##### **No date of publication**

- Use n.d.
- Jones (n.d.)...

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### Reference Page Formatting

#### **General Rules:**

- References follow the text in a section headed "REFERENCES"
- All references cited in the text must be listed and vice-versa
- All references should be double spaced and use a hanging indent
- All references should be in alphabetical order
- Use italics for book and periodical titles

#### **Examples:**

##### **Book with one Author:**

Mason, Karen. 1974. *Women's Labor Force Participation*. Research Triangle Park, NC: National Institutes of Health.

##### **Book with Two Authors:**

Herrera-Sobek, Maria and Helena Maria Viramontes. 1995. *Chicana Writes: On Word and Film*. Berkeley, CA: Third Woman Press.

##### **Chapter in Book**

Nathan, Peter E. and Raymond S. Niaura. 1987. "Prevention of Alcohol Problems." Pp. 333-354 in *Treatment and Prevention of Alcohol Problems: A Resource Manual*, edited by W.M. Cox. Orlando, FL: Academic Press, Inc.

##### **Scholarly Journal Article:**

###### **Print:**

Conger, Rand. 1997. "The Effects of Positive Feedback on Direction and Amount of Verbalization in a Social Setting." *American Journal of Sociology*, 79(2): 1179-259.

###### **Electronic from a Full-Text Database:**

Hoffman, George M. 1998. "Immigration in America: A Contextual Critique." *American Journal of Sociology*, 23(1). Retrieved from SocIndex on May 25, 1999.

##### **Magazine or Newspaper:**

###### **Print:**

Ziff, Larzer. "The Other Lost Generation," *Saturday Review*, February 20, 1995, pp. 15-18.

###### **Web Version:**

Clary, Mike. 2000. "Vieques Protesters Removed Without Incident." *Los Angeles Times*, May 5. Retrieved May 5, 2000  
([http://www.latimes.com/news/nation/updates/lat\\_vieques000505.htm](http://www.latimes.com/news/nation/updates/lat_vieques000505.htm)).

#### **For More Examples See:**

<http://www.calstatela.edu/library/bi/rsalina/asa.styleguide.html>  
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/583/03/>