HOW TO INCORPORATE RESEARCH INTO YOUR PAPER - APA (6th ed.)

There are THREE ways to incorporate research while writing your paper.

**Paraphrasing**

Paraphrasing involves putting a passage from research material into your own words. When paraphrasing an idea from another work, you must cite the author and year of publication in your in-text reference. APA encourages you to also provide the page number (although it is not required.)

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**Short Quotations**

If you are directly quoting from a work, you will need to include the author, year of publication, and the page number for the reference (preceded by "p."). Introduce the quotation with a signal phrase that includes the author's last name followed by the date of publication in parentheses.

*Example:*

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

If the author is not named in a signal phrase, place the author's last name, the year of publication, and the page number in parentheses after the quotation.

*Example:*

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

**Long Quotations**

Place direct quotations that are 40 words, or longer, in a free-standing block. Do not use quotation marks. Start the quotation on a new line, indented 1/2 inch from the left margin. Maintain double-spacing throughout. The citation should come after the closing punctuation mark.

*Example:*

Jones’s (1998) study found the following:

> Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time citing sources. This difficulty could be attributed to the fact that many students failed to purchase a style manual or to ask their teacher for help. (p. 199)

At the end of your paper, include an alphabetized list of **References** (see MLA-APA Chart Handout). Every resource you cite within the body of your paper must be included in your References. If you do not use a resource in your paper, do not include it in your references.

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