

- I. Remember the purposes of documentation:
 - A. **to give credit to the source from which you are borrowing** and
 - B. **to inform the reader about the source of your information.**

- II. Because of these purposes, remember that your in-text citations must lead the reader to the proper references entries.
 - A. In other words, **any author's name that you cite in-text must also appear in the "author" position of one of your references entries**, and,
 - B. conversely, **anything appearing in the "author" position of one of your references entries must appear somewhere in the text of your essay.**

- III. Here's a basic example: **a quotation from a book with an author, followed by the references entry for the source:**

In-text citation:

In her book Epistemic Cultures: How the Sciences Make Knowledge, Karin Knorr Cetina (1999) wrote that "the genome project is itself largely conducted through multiple, decentralized, small-scale efforts and is still trying to come to terms with the task of coordinating these efforts" (p. 83).

References entry:

Knorr Cetina, K. (1999). *Epistemic cultures: How the sciences make knowledge*.
Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

- IV. **An APA in-text citation must include the following:**
 - A. **An author's name** (or title of work if author is unknown).
 1. The author's name may appear either in the sentence that contains the borrowed information or in parentheses with the page number.
 2. Do not put author's name in both places.

- B. The date of publication in parentheses after the author's name.**
- C. A page number (preceded by "p.") in parentheses.**
1. The page number is required for quotations and recommended for paraphrases.
 2. Unpaginated sources such as pamphlets and Web sites do not require parenthetical page references
 3. A few electronic sources number their paragraphs, in which case the abbreviation "para." followed by the appropriate number(s) is acceptable.
 4. Do not write "online" in parentheses after an electronic-source citation.
 5. See APA Manual, 5th ed., pp. 117-21, for more information.

Sample APA In-Text Citations with Corresponding References Entries

1. Quotation from a Periodical with Author's Name in Sentence

In Library Journal, Marylaine Block (2003) stated, "Information is the sunlight that exposes slimy crawling things like incompetence and corruption and sends them running for cover" (p. 43).

References

Block, M. (2003, July). Dealing with digital. *Library Journal*, 40-43.

2. Paraphrase from a Periodical with Author's Name in Parentheses

Though the debate about the origin of crop circles has raged since the 1970s, the history of the phenomenon extends even further back: as far as 1678, according to one account (Scofield, 2003, p. 10).

References

Scofield, B. (2003, June-July). Crop circles and astrology. *The Mountain Astrologer*, 9-

3. Quotation from a Periodical with Unknown Author (Title in Parentheses)

An article in *Michigan Living* mentions the following: "Federal tax law requires that withdrawals from tax-deferred accounts must begin at age 70 1/2" ("Opinions," 2002, p. 12).

References

Opinions differ on tax-deferred investments. (2002, March). *Michigan Living*, 12.

Notice that **article title takes on author position in references entry** and that **article title is abbreviated in in-text parenthetical citation**.

4. Paraphrase from a Periodical with Unknown Author (Title in Sentence)

The article "Learning from History" (2003) mentioned a Library of Congress program that invited 300 educators to learn how to use electronic sources more effectively in the classroom (p. 105).

References

Learning from history. (2003). *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, 62, 14.

5. Quotation from an Electronic Source with Author's Name in Sentence

Writing in *The New York Times on the Web*, Jane E. Brody (2003) lends credence to to what many observers have suspected: "People who eat fish regularly experience significant reductions in the risk of heart attacks, strokes and deaths from all causes."

Notice that there is no parenthetical page reference for this electronic source.

References

Brody, J. E. (2003, July 29). Tip the scale in favor of fish: The healthful benefits await.

New York Times on the Web. Retrieved August 2, 2003, from <http://>

www.nytimes.com

6. Paraphrase from an Electronic Source with Author's Name in Parentheses

Scholarly research appearing on The Raymond Chandler Web Site indicated that the work of Ernest Hemingway influenced Chandler's writing style considerably (Newman, 2002).

References

Newman, R. (2002, September). The dialectic aspect of Raymond Chandler's novels. In

The Raymond Chandler Web Site. (R.F. Moss, Ed.). Retrieved August 2,

2003, from <http://home.usit.net/~mossr/html/criticism/newman.htm>

7. Quotation from a Library Database or Subscription Service

Sarah J. McCarthy and Mark Dressman (2000), writing in *Reading Research Quarterly*, seem to have their fingers on the pulse of education today when they wrote, "Schools in the United States are becoming increasingly decentralized with the advent of voucher programs, charter schools, and site-based management."

References

McCarthy, S. J., & Dressman, M. (2000, October-December). How will diversity affect

literacy in the next millennium? *Reading Research Quarterly*, 35(4), 548.

Retrieved August 2, 2003, from Expanded Academic ASAP database.