The Basics of
APA FORMAT

01 CITATION STYLES CHANGE...

Citation styles, including APA, get revised occasionally. This infographic will be for APA 7, so make sure to double check that style 7 is the most recent!

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02 TITLE PAGE REQUIREMENTS

- legible font
- title is centered and in bold
- three spaces below the title, add your name, university, course name and number, professor's name, and the date the assignment is due (each on different lines)
- double-spaced

The Amazing Life of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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ENG 101: Intriguing Mystery Novelists

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03 RUNNING HEAD

- top right-hand corner of every page
- page number is needed

The Amazing Life of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle   1

04 ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS

- some professors do not require them
- on the new page below the title page
- the word abstract must be bolded and centered at the top of the page
- short summary, roughly 250 words, about your paper

05 IN-TEXT CITATIONS

(Author's Last Name, Year Published, Page Number)

Example: (Jonson, 2015, p. 12)

06 REFERENCE LIST

At the end of each paper, you should have a list of sources cited in APA format. This should look like:

- the word "References" centered and bolded
- sources in alphabetical order
- a hanging indent

Lastname, First Initial. Middle Initial. & Lastname, First Initial. Middle Initial. (Year, Month Date). Title of article. *Title of Periodical, Vol.* (Issue), page numbers. DOI or URL

Barnhouse, R. (2003). Robin Hood comes of age. *ALAN Review, 30* (2), 25-29. https://www.proquest.com/docview/212195391/fulltext/C76BC7BF5E034D34PQ/1?accountid=43626

+1 NO AUTHOR OR NO DATE

If you happen to use a source that either doesn't have an author or doesn't have a date, there is an easy fix in your in-text citations and references.

No Author:
- replace the author with the title

(Title, Year, Page)

No Date:
- replace the date with n.d.

(Title, n.d., Page)