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1. Identify your source type.

2. Find an example. (May not be on this handout!)

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- Title page with your title, name, and college, centered upper-half

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Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle.* Location: Publisher.

Calfee, R. C., & Valencia, R. R. (1991). *APA guide to preparing manuscripts for journal publication.* Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Journal Article (Electronic)
Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, *volume number*(issue number if available), page range. DOI or Retrieved from http://www.someaddress.com/url/

Brownlie, D. (2007). Toward effective poster presentations: An annotated bibliography. *European Journal of Marketing, 41,* 1245-1283. doi:10.1108/03090560710821161

English, A. S., Allison, J., & Ma, J. H. (2016). Understanding western students: Motivations and benefits for studying in China. *Journal of Education and Training Studies, 4*, 44-55. Retrieved from http://www.eric.ed.gov/contentdelivery/ERICServlet?accno=EJ1100355

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In addition to a list of references at the end of your paper, you need to cite your sources in the text of your paper. In-text citations when you paraphrase or reference someone's work should include the last name of the author(s) and publication year.

With author in sentence
According to Jones (1998), APA style is a difficult citation format for first-time learners.

Without author in sentence
APA style is a difficult citation format for first-time learners (Jones, 1998).

Include page numbers **only when quoting or referring to a specific passage**. Pagination includes the author, year, and page number for the reference (preceded by "p.").

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Without author in sentence, using direct quote
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Two authors?

(Wegener & Petty, 1994) -or-
Research by Wegener and Petty (1994) supports...

Three to Five authors?

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(Harris et al., 2001) -or- Harris et al. (2001) argued...

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ADDITIONAL HELP

This handout is only a sample of basic APA formatting. If you have questions, talk to a librarian or consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association,* (6th ed., 4th printing).

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