

Citing Sources

What is a citation? A citation is a short description of a resource used in a paper or project. Whenever you refer to or quote someone else's work, you must cite that source in your paper. All the sources you used in the paper will be compiled into a list at the end.

What are the parts of a citation? Depending on the style, a citation might include the author, title, date, page numbers, publisher and publication location, etc.

Mari, Christopher. *Global Epidemics*. NY: H.W. Wilson, Co. 2007.

↑ author ↑ title place of publication publisher ↑ date

Griffiths PD. (2009). A swine of a pandemic. *Reviews in Medical Virology*, 19, 253-256.

↑ author ↑ date ↑ title of article ↑ title of journal ↑ volume ↑ page numbers

What is a style? A style is the format you use. Styles vary according to discipline. The same elements are there, but the format is different for each style.

Common styles: APA (American Psychological Association)
 AMA (American Medical Association)
 MLA (Modern Language Association)
 NLM (National Library of Medicine)
 Chicago/Turabian

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What style to use? Ask your instructor!

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