A Brief Guide to APA 6th Edition

FORMATTING
- Text is left-aligned, titles are center-aligned
- 12-point font size in Times New Roman typeface preferred
- Margins of 1 in. on top, bottom, left and right
- Double-space between all text lines throughout, including References
- References list:
  - Hanging indent of 1/2 in.
  - Alphabetical by author’s’ last name (or source title if no author)

IN-TEXT CITATIONS
Always provide author’s last name and year of publication. Use page numbers if quoting directly. (APA 170-179, Hacker, 185-91)

- **Direct Quotations:** In addition to author(s) and publication year, a specific page citation is required for direct quotations. If quote is less than 40 words, incorporate into text and enclose in quotation marks.
  
  “My cat’s fur is brown” (Smith, 2016, p. 23).
  
  Smith (2016) reported, “my cat’s fur is brown” (p. 23).

- **Long Quotes:** If quote is longer than 40 words, display on new line in freestanding block of text. Set off quotation by indenting left margin 1/2”. Use normal right margin. Do not single space. Omit quotation marks.
  
  My cat...scratched me. (Smith, 2016, p. 23)

- **Ideas and Organization:** Paraphrase with attribution to original author, page number encouraged, no quotation marks. Author’s name and year in signal phrase introducing material or in parentheses following.
  
  Smith (2016) observed that the fur on his cat was brown (p. 23).
  
  The fur on the cat was brown (Smith, 2016, p. 23).

REFERENCES

**Basic structure** (include the parts only as they apply)

Author(s). (year). Title. Source, version(number), page numbers. Publisher location: Publisher.

DOI. Retrieved from [URL].

**Articles from a journal or magazine in a database** (APA 198-99; APA supplement 11; Hacker 196)


**Book (print or ebook)** (APA 202-3; APA supplement 17; Hacker 205-207)


**Chapter of a book, anthology or reference work** (APA 202-5; Hacker 207)

**Tweet** (APA supplement 33)
G., H. [hindyg]. (2016, September 5). Have you tried the new Lays tikka masala flavor? So good. And they're even #kosher! #snacks #potatochips #chips... http://fb.me/5k1OyKYKC [Tweet]. Retrieved from https://twitter.com/hindyg/status/772875462620147713

**A page from a website** (APA supplement 32; Hacker 210-211)

FOR FURTHER REFERENCE

**Books**

**Website**

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