

Citations Within the Essay:

APA Style uses **parenthetical notes** as **in-text references**, which immediately follow a **quote, paraphrase, or summary** and **identify the author and date for the source**.

Components of **proper documentation** include

- an **introduction** to the source
- the use of **quotation marks**
- a **parenthetical note**
- the **interpretation** that follows the reference

This style of citation is typically used for Business and the sciences. Usually, the author's last name and the year of publication are noted within the parenthetical citation (Author, year). *The examples below show to common uses of APA style.*

Examples:

The Disney animated classics are well known to millions of children across the world because of their family-oriented topics, marketing, availability, and success in the home-viewing market (Dundes, 2001).

In this example, the author's last name is used in the parenthetical note instead of the sentence. The publication year is also included as part of the citation.

In 1994 two Stanford graduate students researched the possibility of using "linkages between Web pages as a ranking method" and created the Google search engine. (National Science Foundation [NSF], 2008).

In this example, the author of the research is cited by organization rather than an individual. On the website from which this information is found, the article is credited to organization, commonly known as the NSF. In the citation, the full name of the organization is given with its acronym in brackets.

Citations at the End of the Essay

When you have provided citations in the body of your essay, you should also include a **References Page** at the end of your essay that lists all sources used in the essay. Sources should be listed **alphabetically by the author's last name**.

Template:

Author's Last Name, First initial. (Publication year). Title of the Article or Chapter.
Title of the Book –or– Web site. Publisher, City. –or– Website. Pages or Paragraph Numbers.

Example:

Sharke, P. (January 9, 2006). Resolve to Exercise Yearly. *Design News* v. 61 no.1 p. 12.