



CITATION GUIDE | MLA, APA, CMS

Three ways to get help with your citations

Contact your librarian!

Consult the official style guides.

Use citation generators and managers.

This is a general guide for MLA, APA and CMS citations styles. It provides only selected citation examples for commonly used sources. For detailed information please consult print copies of guides at the library, or access the online versions of guides:

MLA	Modern Language Association	http://www.mla.org/MLA-Style
CMS	The Chicago Manual of Style	http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html
APA	American Psychological Association	http://www.apastyle.org/index.aspx
OWL	Purdue Online Writing Lab	http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/11

Learn exactly what to cite: Who, What, Where and When of your Sources

Citations (references) give credit to others for their work and ideas, and allow readers to track the original work. This applies to written sources used (books, articles, web pages), and other formats (images, sounds, DVDs). Whenever you use someone else's words or ideas in your paper, you must indicate that this information is borrowed by citing your source. Failure to cite sources is considered plagiarism.

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You need to cite each source that you use twice:

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In the list of Works Cited (MLA), References (APA) or Bibliography (CMS), placed at the end of your essay.

MLA | The Modern Language Association

Book	In-text citation	(Merton 49)
	Works cited	Merton, Thomas. <i>The Seven Storey Mountain</i> . Harcourt Brace & Co., 1976.
Journal	In-text citation	(Dempsey 365)
	Works cited	Dempsey, G. T. "The Tears of Thomas Merton." <i>Irish Theological Quarterly</i> , vol. 64, no. 4, 2002, pp. 353-373. Note For electronic journal articles add: doi: 10.1177/002114000206700404.
Website	In-text citation	(Altany)
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APA | American Psychological Association

Book	In-text citation	(Merton, 1976, p. 49)
	References	Merton, T. (1976). <i>The seven storey mountain</i> . San Diego: Harcourt Brace & Co.
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CMS | The Chicago Manual of Style

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