

# APA 7<sup>TH</sup> ED

## (AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION)

# REFERENCING SYSTEM

## Q. WHY DO YOU NEED TO REFERENCE?

### A. TO SHOW YOUR TEACHER WHERE YOU CONDUCTED YOUR RESEARCH.

It is important that you always acknowledge another author's work when preparing an assignment. The reference you provide becomes the link between how you have conducted your research and what you have written. It shows your teacher the resources you have used, for example books, websites, magazine and newspaper articles.

The reference list is at the end of your assignment, and is in alphabetical order.

### The Basic Elements of APA Referencing

Elements required for a reference list/ entry:

- Author's last name, and Initial(s).
- Year of publication (in brackets).
- *Title* – in italics.
- Edition – if not the first one (in brackets).
- Publisher.

This is how the basic elements for a book would appear in an APA Reference List.

Author	Year.	Title (edn).	Publisher.
Westcott, P.	(1999).	<i>How does my diet affect me?</i>	Wayland.

### Sample APA reference list

Burgan, M. (2014). *The European industrial revolution*. Scholastic Children's Press.

James Cook. (2016). In *The World Book Encyclopedia* (Vol 4, pp. 1025-1026). World Book.

Godfrey, N. (2018). Bad blood and bitterness. *Metro*, 195, pp. 6-11.

Grohl, J. (2009). *9 Steps to Better Communication Today*. Psych Central. Retrieved March 21, 2015, from <http://psychcentral.com/blog/archives/2009/04/14/9-steps-to-better-communication-today/>.

Hill, D. (Ed.). (2009). *Chronicle of war: 1914 to the present day*. New Holland.

Industrial Revolution. (2018). In *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Retrieved January 13, 2023, from <http://school.eb.com.au/levels/middle/article/Industrial-Revolution/275053>

Maxwell-Stewart, H. & Hood, S. (2001). *Pack of thieves? 52 Port Arthur lives*. Port Arthur Historical Site.

## IN-TEXT CITATION

When you refer to another person’s work in your assignment, you need to include an in-text citation with the author surname and date in brackets: (Westcott, 1999) or if you refer directly to the author: Westcott states that... (1999).

The in-text citation acts as a link to your reference list so that your teacher can find the correct resource that you have used.

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## PRACTICE REFERENCE Write your reference down in the space provided.

### BOOK WITH AUTHOR

Author. (Year). *Title*. Publisher.

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### BOOK WITH MULTIPLE AUTHORS

Author, Author, & Author. (Year). *Title*. Publisher.

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### WEBPAGE

Author. (Year). *Title of webpage*. Publisher. Retrieval date, URL.

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### ONLINE JOURNAL OR DATABASES

Author. (Year). *Title of Article*. *Title of journal*, *Volume no.*, *Page(s)*. Retrieval date, URL.

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### PRINT MAGAZINE OR JOURNAL Note: shorten volume to vol. and pages to p. or pp.

Author. (Year). *Title of Article*. *Title of magazine*, *Volume no.*, *Page(s)*.

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