APA CITATION STYLE

In-text: (parenthetical) documentation follows this general form: (Author's Last name, Year of publication, Page number).

- If there is NO author, the in-text citation uses the FIRST piece of information available in References entry.
- The author's name can appear within the text itself as opposed to within the parentheses but will be immediately followed by the year in parentheses. (see Example 1 below).
- If there is NO page number on an electronic source, then provide a paragraph number or heading to help clarify where the information was found.

Reference List:

- References generally include the author, date, title, publication location, publisher, page number, URL (see Example 2 for an example of a print and online citation).
- When the person/group primarily responsible for the producing of the work is not the author, follow the name with an abbreviated label that describes its role (e.g. Ed., etc).
- The list should be double-spaced (as should the entire paper) and entries should be listed in alphabetical order by the first word in the entry (generally, the author's last name – excluding articles, such as: a, an, & the).

- Capitalization:
  - Capitalize all major words in journal titles.
  - Otherwise, capitalize only the first letter of the first word of a title and subtitle, the first word after a colon or a dash in the title, and proper nouns.

- Titles: In general, italicize the titles of longer works such as books and journals. Do NOT italicize, underline, or put quotation marks around the titles of shorter works.

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- If you have a source that APA does not include, find an example that is most like your source and use that format. (see p. 163 of APA, 6th edition, for more information)

Example 1:

According to Naomi Baron (2013), reading is “just half of literacy. The other half is writing” (p. 194).

OR

Reading is “just half of literacy. The other half is writing” (Baron, 2013, p. 194).

Example 2:

Author, A. A. (Year of publication). Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle. Location: Publisher. [PRINT]

*Note: For "Location," you should always list the city and the state using the two letter postal abbreviation without periods (New York, NY).

### APA CITATION STYLE EXAMPLES

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|                          | *for 6 or more authors – always use the first author’s last name followed by “et al.”  
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| **In-Text:**             | (Baron, 2013, p. 200) |
| **In-Text:**             | (Poe, 1902, p. 258) |
| **Website:**             | *Manifold greatness: The creation and afterlife of the King James Bible.* (2016). Retrieved from manifoldgreatness.org  
| **In-Text:**             | (Manifold Greatness, 2016, para. 3) |
| **In-Text:**             | (Goldman, 2010, pp. 87-88) |
| **In-Text:**             | (Chan, 2000, p. 98) |
| **In-Text:**             | (Barasz, 2013) |
| **The Bible:**           | Does NOT require a reference list citation.  
| **In-Text:**             | (Ezekiel 1:5-10, NIV). – (Book Chapter:Verse, Translation) |

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