

APA Citations

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In-text citations

Parenthetical citations

In APA citations, the in-text citations should include the author's last name and the year the information was published (if available).

In-text (parenthetical) example

"The greatest generation..." (Smith, 2015, p. 263).

Signal phrase

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In-text (signal phrase) example

According to Anna Smith (2015), Professor of History in the School of Humanities, "The greatest generation..." (p. 263).

References page

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References page book example

Author's Name	Year of Publication	Book Title	Edition	Place of Publication	Publisher Name
Herrick, J.	(2008)	<i>The history and theory of rhetoric: An introduction</i>	4th ed	Boston:	Pearson Education, Inc.

References page web page example

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