

How to Make a Bibliography in APA Format

What is a bibliography? A list of the sources used in your paper or presentation – giving credit where credit is due. This may also be called a references list or a works cited list. It should be attached to the last page of your paper, and it *never* counts toward the final word count.

How do I know which format to use? It depends on the discipline you're writing for. English and Art History will use MLA (Modern Language Association) format; Psychology will use APA (American Psychological Association) format; History will use Chicago style. Check with your professor if you're unsure what style bibliography you need to use.

What are the qualities of a good bibliography?

- Entries in alphabetical order by author's last name.
- Every line after the first line of each entry needs to be indented.
- Know what kinds of information to include for different kinds of entries.
- FORMAT, FORMAT, FORMAT (periods, italics, commas, parentheses...).
- Use size 12 font and one-inch margins. Use single spacing but double space after every entry. (See example on reverse.)
- Obviously, that relevant scholarly sources are used (not Yahoo! Answers, Wiki, etc.).

How can I find out the rules for each style?

- The Diana Hacker handbook, *A Writer's Reference*. You should have this from Freshman Composition.
- The Purdue OWL (Online Writing Lab) has an excellent guide: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>
- Note that each format gets updated from time to time. For instance, APA is currently in its 6th edition. Be sure that you are following the rules for the latest edition.

How do I produce a bibliography?

- 1) The old-fashioned way – typing by hand.
- 2) Bibliography software like RefWorks, Zotero, Mendeley, or EndNote. **If you generate your bibliography this way, you must still check for errors.**

Help. Still lost. You can get help with this at the Learning Center (1300 Boylan), or search “how to make an APA bibliography” in YouTube for tutorials.

RefWorks (bibliography generator)

Visit the BC Library website: <http://library.brooklyn.cuny.edu/> → Click on “Style Guides & RefWorks” in the left column → Click on RefWorks (x2) → Create a new account.

Now you can import and organize your sources. When done, click “Create Bibliography.” Voila!

Other shortcuts: Copy + paste citation data from Google Scholar or WorldCat.org.

Be sure to double-check your work! Bibliography is all about detailed formatting.

More on RefWorks at BC

The Brooklyn College Library is pleased to offer *Introduction to RefWorks workshops* each semester. Please contact the Reference Desk at (718) 951-5628 for more information.

- Thurs, Nov. 7, 2013 @ 6-7pm
- Wed, Nov. 20, 2013 @ 5-6pm

Alternatively, you can learn how to use RefWorks by:

- watching RefWorks tutorial videos: <http://www.youtube.com/proquestrefworks>
- browsing the RefWorks LibGuide: <http://refworks.libguides.com/home>
- taking a RefWorks training webinar: <http://www.refworks-cos.com/training/>

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