Citing in AMA Format

Paper Format

Specific instructions regarding title page format, page numbers, headings, font style and size, and margins are not stated in the AMA manual. Please ask your instructor for their preferences!

- Double space within the text of the paper.
- Single space within the abstract, notes, titles and headings, block quotes, tables and figures, and references.

In Text Citations

AMA requires that in-text references be cited numerically in consecutive order using superscript Arabic numerals.

- Use the numerals outside periods and commas.

  In a recent report,[1] experts stated that the earth is round.

- Multiple sources can be cited together.

  Other reports[2,3] recommend eating spinach and oranges.

- Add page numbers to direct quotations. Put the page numbers in parentheses after the citation number.

  ".. and the home of the brave." [4(p.45)]

- You can create a superscript numeral in Word by highlighting the desired number and clicking on the superscript button in the Font section at the top of the screen.

References Page

- This is a separate page at the end of your paper. Each citation in the text must be listed on the References page; each listing on the References page must appear in the text.
- Left-justify the word References. Then double space and start your list with 1.
- References are listed numerically in the order they are cited in the text of the paper. Put a period after each number.
- Single space each reference. Double space between references.

Examples

Book:

Basic Format -

Author AA, Author BB, Author CC. *Title of Book: Subtitle of Book.* Place of publication: Name of publisher; Year of publication.

Example -

Cornwall MW, Harris JH, Nyre E. *Imaging Handbook for Physical Therapists*. Philadelphia, PA: Wolters Kluwer Health; 2015.

E-Book:

Basic Format -

Author AA, Author BB, Author CC. *Title of Book: Subtitle of Book.* Place of publication: Name of publisher; Year of publication. URL/web address of book. Date accessed.

Rolf C. *The Sports Injuries Handbook: Diagnosis and Management*. London:
A&C Black; 2007. http://site.ebrary.com/lib/nwtc/Doc?id=10236955.
Accessed June 5, 2014.

Print Journal Article:
Basic Format-
Author AA, Author BB, Author CC. Title of article: Capital letter also
for subtitle. Abbreviated Title of Journal. Year; Volume number(Issue
number): page numbers.

> (Use the PubMed NLM Catalog Journal Search to find out the abbreviation for your journal
> http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/journals)

Example-
Brown CJ, Flood KL. Mobility limitation in the older patient: A clinical
review. *JAMA*. 2013;310(11):1168-1177.

Full-Text Journal Article from Online Database: Online databases include ones such as CINAHL, EBSCO, ProQuest, and PubMed Central that are accessed through the Library's website.

Basic Format-
Author AA, Author BB, Author CC. Title of article: Capital letter also
for subtitle. Abbreviated Title of Journal. Year; Volume number(Issue
number): page numbers. URL/web address of article. Date published. Date
accessed.

> (To find the url of an article in CINAHL or EBSCO Health Articles, look for the ⚯ Permalink button.
> In ProQuest Health Articles, look for the Document URL field).

Example-
Smith JM, Sullivan SJ, Baxter GD. Massage therapy: More than a
modality. J Phys Ther. 2010;38(2): 44-51.
http://ezproxy.nwtc.edu:2048/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.
aspx?direct=true&AuthType=cookie,ip,cpid&custid=s6269745&db=ccm&AN=201073
8302&site=ehost-live&scope=site. Published July 2010. Accessed June 5,
2014.

Web page:
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Author AA (if given; often websites have no actual author). Title of
specific item cited. Name of the Web site. URL. Date published (if
given). Date updated (if given). Date accessed.

Examples-
Rivera A. Success stories: Alex. Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention Web site.
http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/success/alex.html. Last
updated November 9, 2011. Accessed June 5, 2014.

How much physical activity do adults need? Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention Web site.
http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/adults.html.
Last updated March 3, 2014. Accessed June 5, 2014.