

## Reference Page

The reference list begins on a new page after the paper. The title, “References,” is left aligned. The list is spaced with a 1/2 in. indent with returning lines indented, as well. Sources are listed numerically in the order they are used and includes *all* that were used and *only* those that were used.

### Journal Article

2. Author AA. Title of article: Subtitle capitalized. *Abbreviated Title of Journal*. Year of publication; volume number(issue number); page-range. URL. Accessed Month Day, Year.

### Website

3. Author AA. Webpage Title Capitalized. Site Sponsor Name. URL. Published Month Day, Year. Accessed Month Day, Year.

### Books

1. Author AA, Author BB. *Title of Book: Use Title-Case*. Edition number if known. Publisher City, State: Publishing Company; Year of Publication.

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## Additional Resources

American Medical Association Manual (access through CMU Library AMA Database). <http://www.amamanualofstyle.com/>

Purdue University OWL. [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/ama\\_style/index.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/ama_style/index.html)

AMA Citation Style Tutorial <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YO4CzLgqTro>

Western Oregon University <http://research.wou.edu/ama/amaguide>

Wiley AMA Manual of Style: A User’s Guide <https://authorservices.wiley.com/asset/Wiley-AMA-Style-Manual.pdf>

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## Navigating AMA Style

A Quick-Guide from the CMU Writing Center



# AMA Style: A Brief Introduction

AMA is a citation and writing style that is designed to standardize the communication of information, connect the information presented in a text to a reference list, contextualize the information based on cited researchers or a source's publication year, and help researchers to avoid plagiarism.

This pamphlet provides a snapshot of AMA guidelines and offers other resources for finding help with the style, if needed.

## Integrating Sources

### Direct Quotes

- \* Exact wording from a source
- \* Always include quotation marks
- \* Always include a superscript citation
- \* Use a signal phrase as an introduction
- \* Provide an explanation or analysis afterward
- \* Avoid starting a paragraph or sentence with a quote

### Paraphrasing

- \* Rephrases source material without source language or structure
- \* Still uses superscript citations
- \* Can use quotation marks for phrasing that isn't easily reworded or that was coined by authors
- \* Used in place of long quotes or a source's complex explanations

### Using Direct Quotes

Quotes are cited using a superscript number after periods and commas.

Ex. 1: "...end of quote."<sup>4</sup>

Ex. 2: Smith states in an interview that "working in the neuroscience field is as rewarding as it is difficult."<sup>2</sup>

### In-text Citation Signal Verbs

Explanation:	Agreement:	Argument:
Described	Added	Asserted
Discussed	Affirmed	Claimed
Highlighted	Supported	Implied
Showed	<b>Concession:</b>	Insisted
Suggested	Admitted	Proposed
	Acknowledged	Refuted

### Using Paraphrasing

Paraphrasing is often preferred to quotes in the medical field, so knowing how to cite and create a paraphrase is important.

When citing a range of sources for one paraphrase, each will be included in the superscript.

Ex. 1: Many medical professionals would agree that addition is rarely a choice.<sup>4-6, 8</sup>

When creating a paraphrase a writer keep the message of the source, but interprets it for the reader so that it is more clear and concise.

#### Sample Quote

"Differentiated instruction provides the student with options for processing and internalizing the content, and for constructing new learning in order to progress academically."<sup>3</sup>

This original quote uses a lot of complex language. Paraphrasing can help interpret the quote so that readers better understand what the author was saying.

#### Incorrect paraphrasing:

This type of instruction gives students different ways to deal with and grasp information, and for establishing new learning to move on in education.<sup>3</sup>

Language from the original is simply replaced with synonyms and the sentence structure is mimicked, obscuring the writer's original style.

#### Correct paraphrasing:

Teachers use differentiated instruction to help students learn, allowing the teacher to cater lessons to the way each student learns and each student's skill.<sup>3</sup>

The idea is kept from the original and is integrated into the writer's own interpretation. This paraphrase would help maintain a writer's original style.

### Sample In-Text Superscripts

- \* 1 Source: "...end of quote."<sup>3</sup>
- \* Multiple Sources: ...end of paraphrasing.<sup>3-6,8</sup>
- \* Source that is used more than once:  
"...end of quote A from source 4."<sup>4</sup>  
"...end of quote B from source 4."<sup>4(p32)</sup>

## AMA Formatting

AMA also defines formatting rules for section heading titles and the reference list. This formatting helps to standardize the appearance of papers and establish organizational methods.

### Title Page

Title pages are numbered as page one in top right corner. On the upper half of the page, the paper's title will be centered with a space between the title and author. Titles and degrees should be omitted from the author name (e.g. Dr., PhD, RN).

### Abstract

Abstracts should be short enough to be placed on the title page. They are titled "Abstract" and is centered, about two lines after the author information. Typically, they are no more than 250 words and should be only one paragraph that is not indented. Key words may follow the abstract.

### Headings

**Level One: Left, Bold, Title Capitalization**

*Level Two: Center, Italics, Sentence Capitalization*

(Hammersly Library, 2020)