

# CMS Style. MLA Style. APA Style

(Lesson 11)

# How to Format a Citation

- **There are two basic approaches to citation:**
- In-text citations + a list of references at the end of the paper
- Endnotes or footnotes +/- a bibliography at the end of the paper
- Scholars writing in the sciences and social sciences typically use in-text citations, while humanities scholars utilize endnotes/footnotes.
- While the two basic approaches to citations are simple, there are many different citation styles.

# What is a citation style?

- The way that citations appear (format) depends on the citation style, which is a set of established rules and conventions for documenting sources.
- Citation styles can be defined by an association, such as the Modern Language Association (MLA), publisher, such as the University of Chicago Press, or journal, such as *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

# What citation style should I use?

- The citation style that you use depends on the discipline in which you are writing, and where, or by whom, your work will be published or read.
- When in doubt, ask your professor if there is a particular style that he/she would like you to use.
- **Where can I find more information on how to cite a specific type of source in a particular style?**
- The library has style manuals in print and online for several commonly used styles such as American Psychological Association (APA), Modern Language Association (MLA) and Chicago. In addition, there are several excellent citation style guides on the web. (See below)

# Citation Styles: American Psychological Association (APA) : *Example*

- Frank, H. (2011). Wolves, Dogs, Rearing and Reinforcement: Complex Interactions Underlying Species Differences in Training and Problem-Solving Performance. *Behavior Genetics*, 41(6), 830-839.
- [Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association](#) Print manual for the APA style, available in the Sciences and Rockefeller libraries.
- [Purdue University Online Writing Lab](#) Well-organized, easy-to-follow guide, with numerous examples.
- [APA Style](#) American Psychological Association website for the APA Style. Provides tutorials, answers to frequently asked questions, and more.

# Citation Styles: Chicago: *Example*

- Frank, H. 2011. "Wolves, Dogs, Rearing and Reinforcement: Complex Interactions Underlying Species Differences in Training and Problem-Solving Performance." *Behavior Genetics* 41 (6):830-839.
- [The Chicago Manual of Style](#) Older (15th edition) print manual, available at the Sciences, Rockefeller and Orwig libraries.
- [The Chicago Manual of Style Online](#) Current (16th) edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, and answers to frequently asked questions. Off-campus use requires Brown username and password.

# Citation Styles: Modern Language Association (MLA): *Example*

- Frank, H. "Wolves, Dogs, Rearing and Reinforcement: Complex Interactions Underlying Species Differences in Training and Problem-Solving Performance." *Behavior Genetics* 41.6 (2011): 830-39. Print.
- [MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing](#) Print manual for the MLA style. Available in the Rockefeller Library.
- [MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers](#) Print handbook for the MLA. Available in the Rockefeller Library.
- [Purdue University Online Writing Lab](#) Well-organized, easy-to-follow guide, with numerous examples