

There are many different styles for writing and for the citing and documenting of sources. The style you use may be dictated by an instructor, a journal, or by the standard style used in a field of study.

Duke University Libraries has put together a site that can help you create a Works Cited list using any of a number of styles. If you go to the Duke University Libraries web site, and click on “Research Support” and then “Citing Sources,” you will find information on all of the following styles:

American Medical Association (AMA) Style

AMA style is commonly used in the biomedical sciences. Many nursing and physical therapy journals require that documentation follow AMA style.

American Psychological Association (APA) Style

APA style is used frequently in the social sciences.

Associated Press Style

This style is used primarily in journalism-related areas.

Chicago Manual of Style

Used by many different writers and publishers, this style is used in historical documents as well as some social science documents.

Modern Language Association (MLA) Style

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