

# How to Tell the Difference Between AMA, APA, Chicago & MLA Citations

This is a breakdown of the differences between 4 citation styles used at Trine that is meant to be used for quick reference. For more detailed information, consult one of the official resources listed below. Always be sure to follow your professors' instructions.

- AMA: *The AMA Manual of Style* (10th edition)
- APA: *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th edition)
- Chicago: *The Chicago Manual of Style* (15th edition)
- MLA: *The MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th edition)

	<b>AMA</b>	<b>APA</b>	<b>Chicago</b>	<b>MLA</b>
<b>What is most important?</b>	Data	Date	Author	Author
<b>What do I call my Works Cited page?</b>	References	References	Bibliography or Works Cited	Works Cited
<b>Do I need a notes page or foot notes?</b>	No	No	Notes page at the end before the bibliography	No
<b>What order do sources go on my Works Cited page?</b>	Order they appear in the paper	Alphabetical by author's last name	Alphabetical by author's last name	Alphabetical by author's last name
<b>How do I format book and article titles?</b>	Capitalize first word of title and subtitle ONLY	Capitalize first word of title and subtitle ONLY	Capitalize all major words	Capitalize all major words
<b>How do I identify authors?</b>	Initials with no periods or spaces	Initials and last names	Full first and last names	Full first and last names
<b>Do I use "and" when there's more than one author?</b>	Do not list author names in in-text citations	Use & with more than 1 author	Use "and" with more than 1 author	Use "and" with more than 1 author

<p><b>What should my in-text citation look like and where should I put it?</b></p>	<p>Superscript numbers after the sentence punctuation Sentence text here.<sup>1</sup></p>	<p>After the author's name in the sentence in parentheses Author's Last Name (2015) sentence text here with "quote" (p. 10).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Author's last name and date and page numbers for quotes in parentheses or before the sentence punctuation.</p> <p>Sentence text here (Author's Last Name, 2015, p. 10).</p>	<p>Superscript number after the sentence punctuation Sentence text here.<sup>1</sup></p> <p>For Multiple Sources, references are included directly after info from that source</p> <p>Source 1 info here,<sup>1</sup> continues here with info from second source.<sup>2</sup></p>	<p>Authors last name and page number in parentheses before the sentence punctuation Sentence text here (Author's Last Name 10).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Author's Name in sentence followed by text (10).</p>
<p><b>Do I use punctuation in my in-text citation?</b></p>	<p>Commas between numerals when citing more than 1 source</p> <p>Sentence text here.<sup>1,3,4</sup></p>	<p>Commas between information Sentence text here (Last Name, 2015).</p> <p>Sentence text here with "quote" (Author's Last Name, 2015, p. 10).</p>	<p>NO punctuation</p> <p>Sentence text here.<sup>1</sup></p>	<p>NO punctuation in in-text citations Sentence Text Here (Author's Last Name 10).</p>
<p><b>How do I include page numbers in my in-text citation?</b></p>	<p>Can include page numbers in parentheses</p> <p>Sentence text here.<sup>1(35-42)</sup></p>	<p>Use p. or pp. (for multiple pages)</p> <p>Author's Last Name (2015) sentence text here with "quote" (pp. 10-11).</p>	<p>Use page numbers in notes only</p>	<p>Use page numbers in parentheses</p> <p>Sentence text here (Author's Last Name 10).</p>