

# Integrating Sources: APA Format

## What is citation?

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In-text citing with APA requires an author's last name (if there is one; if not then use a shortened version of the title in quotation marks), and a year of publication. If you are using a direct quote then also include a page number (if available). Each element of the citation is separated by a comma (ex: Hanauer, 2019, p. 20).

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Hanauer, N. (2019, July). Education isn't enough. *Atlantic*, 324(1), 19-22.

1. In his/her/their article, \_\_\_\_\_, concluded that \_\_\_\_\_ (Year).
  - a. In his article "Education Isn't Enough," Nick Hanauer concluded that although the public education system in the United States needs to be repaired, the real problem is not with the system itself, but rather with the growing levels of income inequality nationwide (2019)
2. According to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (Year).
  - a. According to Hanauer, teachers and unions are not the primary problems with public education, household income is (2019).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ found that \_\_\_\_\_ (Year).
  - a. Hanauer found that the percentage of Americans with high-school diplomas has increased from approximately 50% in 1970 to 90% today (2019).
4. "Insert an actual quote here" (Last Name, Year, p. #).
  - a. One way to increase the quality of public schools is to "pay people enough to afford dignified middle-class lives" (Hanauer, 2019, p. 20).

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## Additional Resources



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# Integrating Sources: MLA Format

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Hanauer, Nick. "Education Isn't Enough." *Atlantic*, vol. 324, no. 1, July 2019, pp. 19-22. *Academic Search Premier*, [login.ezproxyness.helmlib.org/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=136960062&site=ehost-live&scope=site](http://login.ezproxyness.helmlib.org/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=136960062&site=ehost-live&scope=site).

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2. According to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (p#).
  - a. According to Hanauer, teachers and unions are not the primary problems with public education, household income is (21).
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