

# PTS Citation Standards

## The Basics

- For one to two authors use all names in every citation
- For three to five authors use all names in the first citation and then the first author followed by et.al, in subsequent citations
- For six or more authors use the first author followed by et.al, in all citations
- Titles of books and reports are *italicized* and titles of chapters, articles and web pages are in "quotation marks"
- For more information go to <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

## Short Quotes

According to Jones (1998), "Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time" (p. 199).

She stated, "Students often had difficulty using APA style" (Jones, 1998, p. 199), but she did not offer an explanation as to why.

## Long Quotes – 40 or more words

Farr (2004) says the following about job clusters:

There are a variety of organizational systems that group jobs based on interests, type of job, personality type, and other factors. The better systems make it easy to identify a variety of specific job titles that most closely match your interests and abilities (p. 297).

## Summary or Paraphrase

According to Jones (1998), APA style is a difficult citation format for first-time learners.

## No Author

A similar study was done of students learning to format research papers ("Using APA," 2001).

## Organization as an Author

According to the American Psychological Association (2000),...

## Unknown Author and Unknown Date

Another study of students and research decisions discovered that students succeeded with tutoring ("Tutoring and APA," n.d.)

## Personal Communication

A. P. Smith also claimed that many of her students had difficulties with APA style (personal communication, November 3, 2002).

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## Two or More Authors

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