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Citing References in Text (3 Examples):

According to Jones (1998), “Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time” (p. 119).

Jones (1998) found “students often had difficulties using APA style” (p. 199); what implications does this have on teachers?

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

Reference List

Brief Overview:
The reference list should be on a separate page at the end of the document. This section will be called References. All entries must be double spaced. The first line of each reference is set flush left and subsequent lines are indented. List references in alphabetical order by the author’s last name or by title if there is no author. Italicize book and journal titles. Include all of the information needed to identify and retrieve the source. For the titles of books, articles, and chapters, capitalize only the first letter of the title and the subtitle. Always capitalize proper nouns and journal titles.

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- American Psychological Association’s Publication manual (http://unb.worldcat.org/oclc/316736612)

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