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ASA Research Paper Format and In-Text Citations

RESEARCH PAPER FORMAT: ASA Style Guide (6th ed., 2019)

Title Page	
• Header	The header should include the running head (shortened title of paper) and page number.
• Title of Paper	The full title should be five (double-spaced) lines below the top margin, centered,
	bolded, and followed by an asterisk.
 Author and 	Two (double-spaced) lines from the title, type your name and institution. Two (double-
Institution	spaced) lines from that should be the complete word count.
• Footnote	At the bottom of the page add a title footnote that includes your name and address and
	any acknowledgements, credits and grant information (if applicable).

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The Social Impact of COVID-19: Racial and Gender Disparities* You R. Name	Running Head: SOCIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19 2 THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19: RACIAL AND GENDER DISPARITIES This is where you would write your introduction if you were not required to include an abstract. Only the abstract and introduction pages includes the full title of the paper. Subsequent pages do not.
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First Page	
Abstract	Check with your professor if this is required. An abstract is a brief paragraph (about 200 words) summarizing your research paper and contains three to five keywords.
Second Page	
 Body of Paper 	The first line is the title (in capital letters). The first paragraph is indented (see above).
Formatting Paper	
• Font	12-point Times New Roman (or Times)
Margins	1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides of the paper.
Spacing	Double-space the entire paper and the references page.
Paragraphs	Indent the first line of each new paragraph one-half inch from the left margin.
Quotations	Short quotations are not set off from the main text but do require quotation marks.Example:Even using Posner's (2004) modified ethnic measurement, Nigeria ranked in the "top ten most ethnically fractionalized countries in Africa" (p. 857).
	Block quotations (40 or more words) are setoff in a separate, indented paragraph that does not require quotation marks. They may be single spaced and presented in a 10-point font. The in-text citation comes <i>after</i> the closing punctuation mark.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS:

ASA requires in-text citations at the end of each sentence in which another author's work is quoted, paraphrased, or summarized. The format includes the author(s) last name(s) followed by the year of publication. Direct quotations and paraphrases must cite page numbers. Each cited source must have a corresponding entry on the References page.

One author and a direct quotation (page number necessary)

In-Text Citation:	Known as the Jasmine Revolution, "it sparked similar protests in Egypt and Libya	
	inaugurating the Arab Spring" (Chomiak 2011:70).	
Reference Page:	Chomiak, Laryssa. 2011. "The Making of a Revolution in Tunisia." Middle East Law and	
	Governance 3(1-2):68-83. https://doi.org/10.1163/2011	

One author used in sentence and a direct quotation (page number necessary)

In-Text Citation:	According to Beissinger (2017), the public mobilization that occurred during the Jasmine
	Revolution was due to a strong "virtual civil society and not through face-to-face
	associations that are crucial for conventional civil society" (p. 351).
Reference Page:	Beissinger, Mark R. 2017. "Conventional and Virtual Civil Societies in Autocratic
	Regimes. Comparative Politics 351-371. https://scholar.princeton.edu/sites/

Two authors

In-Text Citation:	Some scholars advocate for teacher training at the graduate school level using the
	fellowship model (Innocente and Baker 2018).
Reference Page:	Innocente, Nathan and Jayne Baker. 2018. "The Sociology Teaching Fellowship: A
	Mentorship Model for Graduate Student Teacher Training. Teaching Sociology
	46(4):335-345. https://doi.org/10.1177/0092055X18791686

Three authors	
In-Text Citation:	When airline pilots were furloughed because of COVID, many quickly changed careers
	(Katz, Cherney, and Sider 2020). Subsequent citation: (Katz et al. 2020)
Reference Page:	Katz, Benjamin, Mike Cherney, and Alison Sider. 2020. "From Pilot to Trucker – COVID Grounds Airline Careers." <i>Wall Street Journal</i> , December 8, pp. A1, A12.
Website	
In-Text Citation:	The attack against the postal service was seen as another assault against the black
	community since they make up 50% of the USPS workforce (Black Lives Matter 2020).
Reference Page:	Black Lives Matter. 2020. "Love, Connection, and Beauty in a Time of Isolation, Tension,
	and Change." https://blacklivesmatter.com/love-connection-and-beauty-in-a-time-of-
	isolation-tension-and-change/.