



APA Citations

**HOW TO CREATE PROPER APA
CITATIONS AND WHY???**

Why Create Citations



- ▶ Avoid plagiarism by quoting sources that were used
- ▶ Be a responsible scholar and give credit to other researchers
- ▶ Let your reader track the sources that were used
- ▶ Gives authority to your presentation

How do we begin

- ▶ It is an author date format
- ▶ First we need to find the author of the resource
- ▶ Then the date it was published
- ▶ Name of resource

Author's Name

- ▶ The author or creator's name is the first part of a proper citation
- ▶ Last name first, then initials of first and middle name
- ▶ Example:

Sheehan, J.M.

- ▶ If the name of an author cannot be found, begin with **title of the article**.

Date

- ▶ The date the article was written or created is listed next.
- ▶ Examples:

(2015).

(2015, October).

(2015, October 1).

- ▶ If you can't find a date use (n.d.).

Title of Article

- ▶ List the title as it appears at the beginning of the article.
- ▶ If an author can't be found, the title comes BEFORE the date.
- ▶ Examples of Article titles:

Brazil

Language of Brazil

Travel in Brazil

Name of Source

- ▶ A web site
- ▶ An online encyclopedia
- ▶ A database
- ▶ These are the ones you will use:

The CIA World Factbook

World Book Online

Country Reports

Date of retrieval (first use)



- ▶ This is only included when citing online sources.
- ▶ Include only the date of first use.
- ▶ Example:

Retrieved October 9,
from

Web Address (URL)

- ▶ This is only included when citing online sources.
- ▶ Copy the web address from the web site and paste it into your citation.
- ▶ A web address alone is not a proper citation!
- ▶ Can use a citation generator like [Bibme](#)

Government. (2015, October 8). Retrieved October 4, 2017, from

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/br.html>

Put it all Together

CountryReports (2015) CountryReports
[Electronic version]. Retrieved Mon. Oct.
9, 2017, from
<http://www.countryreports.org/country/Brazil/government.htm>

Hanley, A. G. (2015). Brazil. In World Book
Student. Retrieved Mon. Oct. 9, 2017,
from
<http://worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar074760>

Things to Remember

- ▶ Only sources used should be included in References.
- ▶ References are arranged in alphabetical order by the first word in citation.
- ▶ A web address or a URL on its own IS NOT a proper citation.

References

- Brazil. (2015, September 24). Retrieved Mon. Oct. 9, 2017, from <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/br.html>
- CountryReports (2015). CountryReports [Electronic version]. Retrieved Mon. Oct. 9, 2017, from <http://www.countryreports.org/country/Brazil/government.htm>
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Questions

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- ▶ Follow examples and mirror the one that is like what you are citing