

# APA REFERENCES LIST: AUTOMATIC CITATION TOOLS

How to create and edit automatically generated citations from different databases

## HOW TO USE AUTOMATIC CITATION TOOLS:

### Academic Search Complete:

Once you locate an item that you will use as a source,

- in the **Results List**, click on the link to the article
- on the right-hand side of the article page, under **Tools**, click **Cite**
- scroll down to see the **APA** citation for your article
- copy and paste the entry to your **References** section (or e-mail the article to yourself, selecting APA as your **Citation Format**)

After any editing, your References list entry should now look like this:

Moreau, A.-M., Hennous, F., Dabbagh, B., & Ferraz dos Santos, B. (2019). Oral health status of refugee children in Montreal. *Journal of Immigrant & Minority Health, 21*(4), 693–698.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-018-0835-1>

### JSTOR:

Once you locate an item that you will use as a source,

- click on **Cite** this item (beside the listing)
- beside APA, select **Copy**
- paste it to your **References** section

After any editing, your References list entry should now look like this:

Chandran, A., & Innes, J. (2014). The state of the forest: Reporting and communicating the state of forests by Montreal Process countries. *The International Forestry Review, 16*(1), 103–111.  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/24310724>

### eBook Academic Collection:

Once you locate an item that you will use as a source,

- in the **Results List**, click on the link to the article record
- on the right-hand side of the article record, under **Tools**, click **Cite**
- scroll down to see the **APA citation** for your article
- you can also e-mail the article to yourself, selecting APA as your **Citation** format
- copy and paste the entry to your **References** section

After any editing, your References list entry should now look like this:

Llewellyn, K. R., Freund A., & Reilly, N. (2015). *The Canadian Oral History Reader*. McGill-Queen's University Press.



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## Kanopy:

The Dawson Library subscribes to two streaming services: Kanopy and Criterion-on-Demand. Kanopy has an automatic citation generator. Once you have located an item that you will use as a source:

- beneath the video, select **More**
- select **Citation Tool** in the drop-down menu that emerges
- click on APA and click on **Copy Text**
- paste the entry into your **References** page

After any editing, your References list entry should now look like this:

Sansour, L. & Lind, S. (Directors). (2015). *In the future they ate from the finest porcelain* [Video; Kanopy streaming service]. mec film. <https://banq.kanopy.com/video/future-they-ate-finest-porcelain>

## HOW TO EDIT AUTOMATICALLY GENERATED CITATIONS:

Automatic citation tools often return entries with **errors** in them. For example, the article database **Academic Search Complete** returned the following APA citation:

X	<p><b>APA 7th Edition</b> (American Psychological Assoc.)</p>	<p>References Kronick, R. (2018). Mental Health of Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Assessment and Intervention. <i>Canadian Journal of Psychiatry</i>, 63(5), 290–296. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/0706743717746665">https://doi.org/10.1177/0706743717746665</a></p>
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Generated citations such as these must be edited:

- First, pay attention to the **punctuation, capitalization, and the order of elements** in the entry to make sure that nothing is amiss.
- In this example, the article’s **title** should appear in lower case letters.
- The automatic citation tool will sometimes give a Dawson URL. Make sure you change the Dawson URL to a DOI, permalink, or another accessible URL (not the URL from the database entry's address bar). Links should be active.
- **Double-space the entry and create a hanging indent** as shown on the next page.

Your References list entry should now look like this (12 pt. font, double-spaced, Times New Roman):

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Kronick, R. (2018). Mental health of refugees and asylum seekers: Assessment and intervention.  
*Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*, 63(5), 290–296. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0706743717746665>

For more information, consult the APA manual or contact the Academic Skills Centre.