

# APA 7th in Minutes: Scholarly Journal Articles

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This video will show you the basics on how to cite a scholarly journal article (often referred to as a peer-reviewed article) in APA format, so it will end up looking like this: [example shown].

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To cite a journal article with two authors, include the first author's last name and initials, follow with a comma, space, and ampersand. And list the second author's last name and initials as you did with the first. The rest of your citation will be completed the same way as before. This is your APA citation for a journal article with two authors: [example shown].

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If you happen to have a journal article with more than twenty authors, list the first nineteen authors using last name, comma, initials, and separate each author name with a comma. After the nineteenth author, use an ellipsis in place of the remaining author's names. Do not include an ampersand. End your list of authors with the name of the final author listed in your article. There should be only 20 names listed in total. You can then proceed to complete the rest of the citation according to the steps outlined in this video.

An APA citation for a journal article with more than twenty authors will look like this: [example shown].

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For more on in-text citations, watch our video linked in the description.

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