

## The Paper Experts' Quick and Easy Guide to Style of Documenta on

When you need to document the sources you use in a paper, you need to follow a **style of documenta on**. What is a style of documenta on? Good n: It's a way of readers know where a quo on or piece of on comes from by indi n where the reader can look it up. We'll discuss the spec cs below.

There are many styles, and the most common are MLA (Modern Lan ua on), APA (American Ps Assoc # (also called Turabian), and Harvard. Your instructor will likely tell you what style you should be usin in your paper, but if not, there are a few conven about when to use which style:

- € MLA style for hu papers - sh, arts, music, etc.)
- € APA style for social science (psycholo , sociolo , etc.) and science papers
- € # u abian for history papers

Harvard style is usually used outside North America where Chi o or MLA is otherwise used.

Now, let's take a quick look at each style to ive you all the informa on you'll need to start cin sources properly in each style! To do so, we're to use a book, an and a website as three examples. Here is the vital about our (made up) sources so you can see how the li of this informa on compares as we each style:

### The Book

Title: *An Inquiry into the o c Case for the Existence of Vampires*  
Author: Abraham Van Hels  
Publisher: Transylvania Press  
Place of Public New York City  
Year of Public 1907

### The Ar cle

Title: "Where Fear to Tread: A Mathem cal Puzzle."  
Authors: John Scalene, Mary Obtuse, and Cindy Ri ht  
Source: Journal of Mathe - as  
Volume: 5  
Issue: 3  
Year of Public 2007  
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