APA vs MLA

What is the topic of your research paper?

Use this style for:
Sciences like natural, physical and social sciences.

Use this style for:
Essays on human society, culture, humanities, historical literature and arts

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

In-text citations

APA

(Author's Last Name, Year, Page Number)

Example:
(Jones, 2020, p. 15)

MLA

(Author's Last Name and Page Number)

Example:
(Jones 15)

Citations

APA

Author's Last Name, Initial. *Title in sentence case.* No period after URL.

Example:
Austen, J. (1918.) *Pride and prejudice.* Newton Press.

MLA

Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title in Title Case.*

Example:
Austen, Jane. *Pride and Prejudice.* Newton Press, 1918.

Formatting Rules

APA

Reference List Title:
References

Title Page:
Required

Running Head:
Page number (Optional running head with title in all caps)

Heading and Subheadings:
Has a defined format

Block Quotes:
Used for 40 words or more

MLA

Reference List Title:
Works Cited

Title Page:
Not required

Running Head:
Last name and page number

Headings and Subheadings:
No defined format

Block Quotes:
Used for 4 or more lines