APA Style 7th edition

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- In text citations usually include the name of the author and the date of publication so as to lead the reader to the listing found in the “References” section which is placed at the end of the research paper.
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(Smith, 1998, p. 203)

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- Use the first few words of the reference list entry (usually the title) in the citation in the text.
- If it is the title of an article or chapter use quotation marks; if it is the title of a book use Italics.

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