



The use of any generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) tool, such as ChatGPT, should be treated as any other resource you use in completing your academic work. This may include formal citation practice using APA or an informal attribution.

IMPORTANT

Always check with your professor to ensure you are permitted to use GenAI to complete an assessment.

Helpful tip: Create your Reference(s) list entry first. This will help you to easily create each of your in-text citations because you will have all of the required information in one spot.

How to Cite in APA:

The examples below are built from this GenAI prompt: **Describe the symbolism of the green light in the book *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.**

Reference(s) list entry:

OpenAI. (year). *ChatGPT* (xxx version) [large language model]. URL

✓ example:

ChatGPT: OpenAI. (2023). *ChatGPT* (Sept 23 version) [Large language model]. <https://chat.openai.com/chat>

** NOTE: If you are using ChatGPT-4 your bracketed text will become: [Large multimodal model].

Narrative in-text citation:

OpenAI (year)

✓ example:

OpenAI (2023) generated a list of the deepest lakes in North America, which indicated...

Parenthetical in-text citation:

(OpenAI, year)

✓ example:

(OpenAI, 2023)

In-text citation where you are required to include a transcript of your interaction with ChatGPT as part of the assignment:

(OpenAI, year; see xxx for the full transcript)

✓ example:

(OpenAI, 2023; see assignment section 2 for the full transcript).

Informal attribution:

An informal attribution may be used when you used ChatGPT to create supportive text or ideas for you to start working from. Examples of this may be the generation of ideas to start a piece of writing or a framework to create content in.

You want to acknowledge that you collaborated with ChatGPT:

“I acknowledge the use of ChatGPT for generation of three key ideas that I researched to ensure accuracy and then developed further. The prompt(s) I used were...”

For further information visit:

[How to cite ChatGPT \(apa.org\)](https://apa.org)

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