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# Barcode Long Island Citations

## *Campaigns and Independent Projects*

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# Citations

References are important in any scientific/professional writing:

- We aren't super strict about format, but be consistent
  - Footnotes
    - » E.g., in-text: The ants are cool.<sup>1</sup>
  - MLA – typically used in English, literature, humanities, arts
    - » E.g., in-text: The ants are cool (Petracca 151).
  - APA – typically used in psychology, sciences
    - » E.g., in-text: The ants are cool (Petracca, 2023).
- In-text citations should correspond to a “Works Cited” or “References” Section at the end of your proposal before the biographies.

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References are important in any scientific/professional writing:

- Two authors APA:
  - In-text: e.g., The ants are cool (Petracca & Marco, 2023).
- Three or more authors APA:
  - In-text: e.g., The ants are cool (Petracca et al., 2023).
- If you really want to get fancy:
  - In-text: e.g., According to Petracca et al., the ants are cool (2023).

# Citations

*Don't do either of these!*

According to Petracca, “[a]nts are among the coolest of all insects” (2023).

The ants are cool. (Petracca, J. 2023. Ant coolness across the world. PNAS 10(4): 1114-1118.)

## Works Cited or References

Similar to the in-text citations, we aren't strict about the format of the works cited list, but be consistent.

Choose *APA (preferably)* or *MLA*

It should be located at the end of your proposal before the student/mentor biographies.

# Works Cited or References

## Possible formats:

Petracca, J., Marco, C. (2023). Ants are the coolest. PNAS 10(4): 1114-1118.

Footnote:

1 – Petracca, J., Marco, C. (2023). Ants are the coolest. PNAS 10(4): 1114-1118.

Ebert, Roger. Review of *An Inconvenient Truth*, directed by Davis Guggenheim. *Ebert Digital LLC*, 1 June 2006, [www.rogerebert.com/reviews/an-inconvenient-truth-2006](http://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/an-inconvenient-truth-2006). Accessed 15 June 2019.

There are even apps or tools that can help you format the citations!

# Works Cited or References

Avoid:

[www.rogerebert.com/reviews/an-inconvenient-truth-2006.](http://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/an-inconvenient-truth-2006)

[www.nytimes.com/video/world/americas/1194817109438/clinton-on-climate-change.html.](http://www.nytimes.com/video/world/americas/1194817109438/clinton-on-climate-change.html)

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No author information – no way to link references to the text citations

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