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“There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed.” quoted Ernest Hemingway.

When you hear the word art, you immediately think of a painting; or perhaps hear the word style, fashion may appear to the forefront of your mind, but to my surprise writing can be viewed in art form, and it composes different styles as well. Now, I know that have your mind in a twist, but let me explain. For those that viewed writing in the simplicity of its name. I want to inform you of the many different citations of writing such as MLA, APA, and Turabian styles, which; are the most commonly used writing styles.

The APA style was created by the **American Psychological Association** in 1929 as an avenue to help businessmen, anthropologists and psychologists, establish one common way to cite sources. The American Psychological Association format is one of the most widely used format in writing academic articles, such as journals and particularly in the field of science. Its' intention is to help readers better comprehend the content and to avoid language bias wherever necessary. APA style is just one of the writing citation, but the Turabian is also a writing style used.

Turabian is generally used when citing sources for humanities paper and it's known for the requirement that writers place bibliographic citations at the bottom or at the end of a page. Turabian style is named after its creator **Kate .L. Turabian** whom created it for the University of Chicago. There are many styles that Turabian has identical to Chicago style, but the Chicago style provides guidelines for all types of publications. The MLA style is the final citation I want to inform you about.

The MLA is a Modern Language Association that is mostly used in the humanities and has been adopted by numerous other disciplines in many parts of the world. MLA provides standard rules to follow so that research papers are formatted in a similar manner, and this makes it easier for readers to understand the info. MLA's citations and bibliographic standards allow readers to easily comprehend the different parts of a citation for referencing purposes.

With the above mention of the many different writing styles; I'm now more infused with the art of writing style/techniques. Writing style refers to the manner in which an author chooses to write to his or her readers. Also a style reveals both the writer's personality and voice, but it also shows how he or she perceives the audience and the choice of a conceptual writing style molds the overall character of the work truly makes a difference.