AI Tool Citations

Citing Generative AI in APA, MLA, and Chicago

This specimen shows how to attribute material generated by conversational AI under three major style guides, including the distinction between personal communication and recoverable sources.

APA Form

Treat AI output as personal communication: cite it in text only, with the tool name and the date of the exchange, and do not include it in the reference list.

MLA Form

MLA treats the tool as a container and recommends naming the model and the date of access when the output is quoted.

References

OpenAI. (2026). ChatGPT [Large language model]. https://chat.openai.com/