

Can *AI* be cited?



YES! If...

You used AI in your work for:

Ideas or suggestions

Generated text

Images, audio and other media

Paraphrasing or editing

And... How is the citation?

APA 7

OpenAI. (2025).
ChatGPT (GPT-5)
[Large language
model].
<https://chat.openai.com/>

MLA 9

*"Describe the theme
of nature in Jane
Austen's Mansfield
Park" prompt.
ChatGPT, model
GPT-4o, OpenAI, 23
Sept. 2024,
chatgpt.com/share/66f1b0a0-d704-8000-be9a-85f53c850607.*

(Works-Cited-List
Entry)

Chicago

**Notes &
Bibliography:**
*Text generated by
ChatGPT, OpenAI,
March 7, 2023,
<https://chat.openai.com/chat>.*

In-text citation:
*(ChatGPT, March 7,
2023)*

Always verify before you cite:

An AI citation does not make the content authoritative.
AI outputs can be:

- **Innaccurate:** may contain errors and outdated information.
- **Biased:** can reflect biases in training data.
- **Fabricated:** may include plausible but non-existent sources (hallucinations).

Remember...

Use AI to explore ideas, improve clarity, or get feedback.
Always verify information with reliable, scholarly sources.
Cite the original sources supporting key claims.
Maintain human oversight and take responsibility for your work.

More resources: