



## HOW TO CITE REFERENCES USING APA STYLE

This guide provides examples of the American Psychological Association (APA) citation style, which is used primarily in the social sciences. For additional examples, consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, located in the Reference area of the library (REF BF76.7 .P83 2010). Alternatively, consult Web pages accessed from the Library home page (click on "Citation Help" under the "Popular Links" heading).

### REFERENCE LIST

APA style requires that an alphabetical listing of the sources actually used and cited be placed at the end of research papers and reports. **Although reference entries below are single-spaced due to space restrictions, APA style references should be double-spaced.** Some of the general features of APA style are:

- The first line of each citation begins flush left, and the second and subsequent lines are indented five spaces (this is called a "hanging indent").
- Only initials are used for authors' first and middle names. Names are inverted: *Miller, J. K.*
- Single spaces separate each element.
- Citations are arranged alphabetically by authors' last names; works by the same author are in alphabetical order. If the author is unknown, alphabetization is by the first word of the title.
- Only the first letter of the first word of the title of books and articles is capitalized, with the exception of proper nouns. The first word of subtitles (after a colon) is also capitalized.

### Books

- Book titles are italicized.
- The city and state in which the publisher is located are included, using United States postal codes to abbreviate states. However, the state (and/or country) is omitted for major cities and for university presses that include the name of the state. If more than one location is listed, the first is used.

#### No author

*World development report.* (1989). New York: Oxford University Press.

#### One author

Perloff, R. M. (1995). *The dynamics of persuasion.* Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum.

#### Two or more authors (up to six authors)

Shain, Y. & Linz, J. J. (1995). *Between states: Interim governments and democratic transitions.* New York: Cambridge University Press.

- After the 6<sup>th</sup> author, "et al." is used. (... , Smith, P. J., et al. (1997). ...)

### **Book other than the first edition**

Abbott, C. (1982). *Colorado: A history of the Centennial State* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Boulder: Colorado Associated University Press.

- *Other abbreviations include Rev ed., 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., etc.*

### **Society, association, or institution as author and publisher**

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

### **Edited book**

VandenBos, G. R. (Ed.). (2007). *APA dictionary of psychology*. Washington, DC: American Association of Psychology.

- *For multiple editors, use abbreviation Eds.*

### **Article or chapter in an edited book**

Haybron, D. M. (2008). Philosophy and the science of subjective well-being. In M. Eid & R. J. Larsen (Eds.), *The science of subjective well-being* (pp. 17-43). New York, NY: Guilford Press.

## **Periodical Articles**

- The title of the periodical is italicized, but the title of the article is not.
- The first letter of each word of the periodical title is capitalized (except for prepositions and articles).
- The volume number of the periodical is italicized.

### **Scholarly journal that numbers pages continuously throughout the annual volume**

Bekerian, D. A. (1993). In search of the typical eyewitness. *American Psychologist*, 48, 574-576.

### **Scholarly journal that paginates each issue separately**

Turow, J. (1994). Hidden conflicts and journalistic norms: The case of self-coverage. *Journal of Communication*, 44(2), 12-31.

### **Magazine article**

Chamberlin, J. Novotney, A., Packard, E., & Price, M. (2008, May). Enhancing worker well-being: Occupational health psychologists convene to share their research on work, stress, and health. *Monitor on Psychology*, 39(5), 26-29.

Island of trouble. (1988, March 12). *The Economist*, 306, 53-54.

### **Newspaper article**

Schwartz, J. (1993, September 10). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post*, pp. B1, B3, B4-B7.

U.S. trade deficit. (1994, August 19). *The Wall Street Journal* (Eastern ed.), p. A1.

## Encyclopedia Articles

### Signed article

Tracy, J. D. (1993). Erasmus. In *The new Encyclopaedia Britannica* (Vol. 18, pp. 489-491). Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica.

### Unsigned article

Right of asylum (1995). In *Academic American encyclopedia* (Vol. 16, p. 222). Danbury, CT: Grolier.

## Audiovisual materials

- Persons primarily responsible for the item are named; their roles are identified in parentheses after their names.
- The medium, placed in brackets, is supplied after the title. Media designations include [Audio recording], [CD], and [Motion picture] for film, videotape, and DVD.

### Motion Picture

Weir, P. B. (Producer), & Harrison, B. F. (Director). (1992). *Levels of consciousness* [Motion Picture]. Boston: Filmways.

### Compact disc

lang, k.d. (2008). Shadow and the frame. On *Watershed* [CD]. New York, NY: Nonesuch Records.

## Electronic Publications

- No retrieval date is needed.
- To the extent possible, information is provided as for a printed source.
- Including database information in citations is not necessary because databases change over time.
- Periods are omitted at the end of an Internet address, if that is the last element in the citation.

### Electronic book

Shtton, M. A. (1989). *Computer addiction? A study of computer dependency*. Retrieved from <http://www.ebookstore.tandf.co.uk/html/index.asp>

### Article from online periodical

Bernstein, M. (2002). 10 tips on writing the living Web. *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites*, 149. Retrieved from <http://www.alistapart.com/articles/writeliving>

### Electronic version of a journal article with DOI

Herbst-Damm, K. L., & Kulik, J. A. (2005). Volunteer support, marital status, and the survival times of terminally ill patients. *Health Psychology*, 24, 225-229. doi:10.1037/0278-6133.24.2.225

### Electronic version of a journal article when DOI is not available

Sillick, T. J., & Schutte, N. S. (2006). Emotional intelligence and self-esteem mediate between perceived early parental love and adult happiness. *E-Journal of Applied Psychology*, 2(2), 38-48. Retrieved from <http://ojs.lib.swin.edu.au/index.php/ejap>

### Electronic version of newspaper article

Parker-Pope, T. (2008, May 6). Psychiatry handbook linked to drug industry. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://well.blogs.nytimes.com>

### Non-periodical Web document or Web page

Angeli, E., Wagner, J., Lawrick, E., Moore, K., Anderson, M., Soderland, L., & Brizee, A. (2010, May 5). *General format*. Retrieved from <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

## IN-TEXT PARENTHETICAL CITATIONS

APA style requires the use of parenthetical citations within the text of a paper to document quotes, paraphrases, summaries, and other sources used. These references refer to entries on the References list at the end of the paper and take the place of footnotes or endnotes. **All authors cited in the text must appear in the references list, and all authors listed must have been cited in the text.**

**Basic form:** Include author's surname (if not already mentioned in the text), and the date:

Rogers (1994) compared reaction times...

A recent study of reaction times (Rogers, 1994) found...

**Quotation.** Page number, preceded by p., appears in parentheses after the quotation:

Kaye concludes that *Der Ring des Nibelungen* is "the work of a tortured genius" (p. 98).

**Two authors.** Use both:

Research by Wellek and Warren (1992) supports...

...(Wellek & Warren, 1992)...

**Three to five authors.** Include all authors the first time mentioned; in subsequent entries include first author only, followed by *et al.* :

(Kernis, Cornell, Sun, Berry, & Harlow, 1993)

(Kernis et al., 1993)

**Corporate author.** Use full name the first time; abbreviate later:

...(National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH], 1991)...

...(NIMH, 1991)...

**No author.** Punctuate the first title words as in the reference list:

...on free care ("Study finds," 1982, p. 115)...

**Multiple works:**

Several studies (Balda, 1980; Kamil, 1988; Pepperbert and Funk, 1990)...

**Electronic sources:**

If possible, cite an electronic document the same as any document by using the author-date style.

Kenneth (2000) explained...