



American Psychological Association (APA) Style Guidelines (From the *Publication Manual of the APA*, 5th ed.)

This document outlines the APA guidelines for citations, both in-text and in a reference list, for some of the most commonly used sources. The following examples, mostly taken from the *Publication Manual of the APA*, are interpretations; there are different ways a citation can be written. If you have any questions concerning a citation, ask your instructor or use one of the following sources from the APA for more information and examples:

American Psychological Association. (2007). *APA Style Guide to Electronic References*. Washington, DC:

Author.

American Psychological Association (2005). *Concise Rules of APA Style*. Washington, DC: Author.

American Psychological Association. (2001). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

References in the Text of a Paper

Print

APA recommends in-text citations that refer readers to a list of references. An in-text citation names the author of the source, gives the date of publication, and includes a page number in parentheses in the case of direct quotations. The complete citation, including publication information about the source, is to follow in the list of references at the end of the paper. Some examples of in-text citations for print materials:

- Lennon, McCartney, Harrison, and Starr (1963) found...
- In a recent study of student learning (Apple, 2002),
- She stated, "In the quantum world, relationships are not just interesting...they are all there is to reality" (Wheatley, 1992, p. 32).

Electronic

To cite electronic sources in-text, follow the author/date format as for written sources. For electronic sources that do not provide page numbers, use the paragraph number, if available, preceded by the ¶ symbol or the abbreviation "para." If neither page nor paragraph numbers are visible, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following it to direct the reader to the location of the material.

- (Myers, 2000, ¶ 5)
- (Beutler, 2000, Conclusion section, para. 1)

(See pages 120-121 and 207-214 in the *Publication Manual of the APA* for more information on quotes and in-text citations.)

Reference List at the End of a Paper

In APA style, the alphabetical list of works cited, which appears at the end of the paper, is titled "References." This heading should appear at the top of the page. References should be in a **hanging indent format**, meaning that the first line of each reference is aligned with the left margin and subsequent lines are indented. The entire list of references should be **double-spaced**. The list is to be alphabetized according to the author's last name. If there is no author given, the entry should be alphabetized according to the first significant word in the title. Capitalize the first word of the title and subtitle, and any proper nouns, when listing titles. See pages 215-281 and 299 in the *Publication Manual of the APA* for more information.

Books

PRINT BOOKS

Basic print book format:

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Publication Year). *Title of book*. Place of Publication:

Publisher.

SINGLE AUTHOR

Locker, K. O. (2000). *Business and administrative communication*. Boston: McGraw Hill.

MULTIPLE AUTHORS (UP TO SIX AUTHORS)

Beck, C. A. J., & Sales, B. D. (2001). *Family mediation: Facts, myths, and future prospects*. Washington,

DC: American Psychological Association.

MULTIPLE AUTHORS (MORE THAN SIX AUTHORS)

If a book has more than six authors, follow the rule for journals citation and abbreviate remaining authors as **et al.** (not italicized and with a period after "al") in the first and subsequent text citations.

EDITOR(S)

Gibbs, J. T., & Huang, L. N. (Eds.). (1991). *Children of color: Psychological interventions with minority*

youth. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

PART OF A BOOK (ARTICLE OR CHAPTER IN AN EDITED BOOK)

Massaro, D. (1992). Broadening the domain of the fuzzy logical model of perception. In H.L. Pick Jr., P.

van den Broek, & D. C. Knill (Eds.), *Cognition: Conceptual and methodological issues* (pp.51-84).

Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

ENTRY IN AN ENCYCLOPEDIA

Bergmann, P. G. (1993). Relativity. In *The new encyclopaedia Britannica* (Vol. 26, pp. 501-508). Chicago:

Encyclopaedia Britannica.

ELECTRONIC BOOKS

Basic format for online e-book:

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Publication Year). *Title of book*. Place of Publication:

Publisher. Retrieved or Available from source.

NOTE: Use "Available from" instead of "Retrieved from" when the URL leads to information on how to obtain the cited material rather than to the material itself. (See pages 9-10 in the *APA Style Guide to Electronic References* for more information.)

EXAMPLES

Hinton, A. L. (2005). *Why did they kill?: Cambodia in the shadow of genocide*. Berkeley: University of

California Press. Retrieved from netLibrary database.

O'Keefe, E. (n.d.). *Egoism & the crisis in Western values*. Available from

<http://www.onlineorininals.com/showitem.asp?itemID=135>

Periodicals (including journals, magazines, and newspapers)

ELECTRONIC PERIODICALS FROM RESEARCH DATABASES

Basic format for **online research database** periodicals:

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Publication Year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, volume (issue), pages. doi or Retrieved from source.

NOTE: The source can be the database from which the article was retrieved or it can be an alpha-numeric identifier known as a DOI (Digital Object Identifier). Since the location of scholarly electronic articles and journals can change, publishers often assign a DOI, which provides a permanent link to its location. When a DOI is available, include the DOI instead of the URL in the reference.

JOURNAL ARTICLE, ONE AUTHOR

Without DOI:

Choi, C. (2007). Eye on the Tiger. *Scientific American*, 297(6), 37-37. Retrieved from Military & Government Collection database.

With DOI:

Stultz, J. (2006). Integrating exposure therapy and analytic therapy in trauma treatment. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 76(4), 482-488. doi:10.1037/0002-9432.76.4.482

JOURNAL ARTICLE, MULTIPLE AUTHORS (UP TO SIX AUTHORS)

Without DOI:

Ma, D., & Parish, W. (2006). Tocquevillian Moments: Charitable Contributions by Chinese Private Entrepreneurs. *Social Forces*, 85(2), 943-964. Retrieved from Religion and Philosophy Collection database.

With DOI:

Paul, B., Trovato, J., & Thompson, J. (2008). Lapatinib: A dual tyrosine kinase inhibitor for metastatic breast cancer. *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*, 65(18), 1703-1710. doi:10.2146/ajhp070646

JOURNAL ARTICLE, MORE THAN SIX AUTHORS

Without DOI:

Goldstein, B., Birmaher, B., Axelson, D., Goldstein, T., Esposito-Smythers, C., Strober, M., et al. (2008). Significance of Cigarette Smoking Among Youths with Bipolar Disorder. *American Journal on Addictions*, 17(5), 364-371. Retrieved from Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection database.

With DOI:

Siegel, J., Jorgenson, J., Johnson, P., Brophy, D., Comstock, T., Feng, A., et al. (2008). Use and prescribing patterns for erythropoiesis-stimulating agents in inpatient and outpatient hospital settings. *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*, 65(18), 1711-1719. doi:10.2146/ajhp070526

MAGAZINE ARTICLE, MONTHLY

Kandel, E. R., & Squire, L. R. (2000, November 10). Neuroscience: Breaking down scientific barriers to the study of brain and mind. *Science*, 290, 1113-1120. Retrieved from Academic Search Premier database.

MAGAZINE ARTICLE, WEEKLY

Easton, N. (2008, September 15). It's the Economy, Stupid! Part II. *Fortune*, 158(5), 20-20. Retrieved from Academic Search Premier database.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, DAILY, NO AUTHOR

Atlanta Airport Is World's Busiest. (2008, July 30). *Wall Street Journal - Eastern Edition*. Retrieved from Newspaper Source database.

PRINT PERIODICALS

Basic format for print periodical:

Author, A. A. (Publication Year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, volume (issue), pages.

NOTE: Citations for print periodicals are basically the same as for electronic periodicals (see section above), except that you do not need to include the doi or "Retrieved from" information.

EXAMPLE

Mellers, B. A. (2000). Choice and the relative pleasure of consequences. *Psychological Bulletin*, 126, 910-924.

Internet Sources

Basic format for online documents:

Author, A. A. (Publication Year). *Title of work*. Retrieved month day, year, from source.

Electronic sources include Web sites and Web pages, newsgroup posts, Web- or e-mail based discussion groups, and Web- or e-mail based newsletters. A reference to an Internet source should at minimum include a document title or description, a date (either the date of publication or update or the date of retrieval), and a web address or URL.

Whenever possible, include the author. Readers should be directed to specific documents rather than index pages. When a publication date is not available, use n.d. (no date). Break a URL that goes to another line after a slash or before a period.

ONLINE ARTICLE FROM THE INTERNET (BASED ON A PRINT SOURCE)

Hager, M. H. (2007). Therapeutic diet order writing: Current issues and considerations. *Topics in Clinical Nutrition*, 22(1), 28-36. Retrieved from <http://www.topicsinclinicalnutrition.com>

ONLINE ARTICLE FROM THE INTERNET (FROM AN ONLINE ONLY JOURNAL)

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/article/view/71/100>

U.S. GOVERNMENT REPORT, NO DATE

United States Sentencing Commission. (n.d.). *1997 sourcebook of federal sentencing statistics*. Retrieved December 8, 1999, from <http://www.ussc.gov/annrpt/1997/sbtoc97.htm>

MULTIPAGE DOCUMENT CREATED BY A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, NO DATE

Greater New Milford (Ct) Area Healthy Community 2000, Task Force on Teen and Adolescent Issues.

(n.d.). *Who has time for a family meal? You do!* Retrieved October 5, 2000 from

<http://www.familymealtime.org>

STAND-ALONE DOCUMENT, NO AUTHOR IDENTIFIED, NO DATE

GVU's 8th WWW user survey. (n.d.). Retrieved August 8, 2000, from

http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/user_surveys/survey-1997-10/

CHAPTER OR SECTION IN AN INTERNET DOCUMENT

Benton Foundation. (1998, July 7). Barriers to closing the gap. In *Losing ground bit by bit: Low income*

communities in the information age (chap. 2). Retrieved from <http://www.benton.org/Library/Low->

[Income/two.html](http://www.benton.org/Library/Low-Income/two.html)

MESSAGE POSTED TO AN ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST

Hammond, T. (2000, November 20). YAHC: Handle Parameters, DOI Genres, etc. Message posted to

Ref-Links electronic mailing list, archived at <http://www.doi.org/mail-archive/reflink/msg00088.html>

Films & Television

Basic format for audiovisual media:

Author, A. A. (Function of the Author). (Publication Date). *Title of work* [Type of media]. Place of Origin:

Publisher.

MOTION PICTURE

Scorsese, M. (Producer), & Lonergan, K. (Writer/Director). (2000). *You can count on me* [Motion picture].

United States: Paramount Pictures.

Harrison, J. (Producer), & Schmiechen, R. (Director). (1992). *Changing our minds: The story of Evelyn*

Hooker [Motion picture]. (Available from Changing Our Minds, Inc., 170 West End Avenue, Suite

25R, New York, NY 10023).

NOTE: When a motion picture is of limited circulation, provide the distributor's name and complete address in parentheses at the end of the reference.

TELEVISION BROADCAST

Crystal, L. (Executive Producer). (1993, October 11). *The MacNeil/Lehrer news hour* [Television

broadcast]. New York and Washington, DC: Public Broadcasting Service.

TELEVISION SERIES

Miller, R. (Producer). (1989). *The mind* [Television series]. New York: WNET.

Music Recordings

Basic format for music recordings:

Writer, A. (Date of copyright). Title of song [Recorded by artist if different from writer]. On Title of album
[Medium of recording: CD, record, cassette, etc.]. Location: Label. (Recording date if different
from copyright date)

RECORDING

Shocked, M. (1992). Over the waterfall. On Arkansas traveler [CD]. New York: PolyGram Music.

RECORDING BY ARTIST OTHER THAN WRITER

Goodenough, J. B. (1982). Tails and trotters [Recorded by G. Bok, A. Mayo, & E. Trickett]. On And so will
we yet [CD]. Sharon, CT: Folk-Legacy Records. (1990)

Personal Communications (E-mails, Interviews, etc)

Personal communications may be letters, memos, e-mails, messages from nonarchived discussion groups or electronic bulletin boards, personal interviews, telephone conversations, etc. Because they do not provide recoverable data, personal communications are not included in the reference list. Cite personal communications in text only. Give the initials as well as the surname of the communicator, and provide as an exact a date as possible.

INTERVIEW (CAPTURED IN TRANSCRIPT OR AUDIO)

Moist, J. (Interviewer) & Guy, R. (Interviewee). (2006). *Mrs. Rose Guy* [Interview transcript]. Retrieved
from Alive in Truth: The New Orleans Disaster Oral History and Memory Project Web site:
<http://www.aliveintruth.org>

E-MAIL MESSAGE

T.K. Lutes (personal communication, April 18, 2001)

ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST MESSAGE (ARCHIVED)

Hammond, T. (2000, November 20). YAHC: Handle Parameters, DOI Genres, etc. Message posted to
Ref-Links electronic mailing list, archived at [http://www.doi.org/mail-archive/ref-
link/msg00088.html](http://www.doi.org/mail-archive/ref-link/msg00088.html)