

Quick Reference to APA Style

(6th edition)

What is APA Style?

APA (American Psychological Association) Style provides a format for scholarly publications and research papers in the social sciences. The guidelines include recommendations for the general format and structure of the paper, as well as examples of in-text citations and references.

Citing Sources within the Text

Citations within your text include the author's last name and the year of publication for the source. If you are referring to or paraphrasing an idea from one of your sources, but not directly quoting the material, you only have to cite the author and year of publication in your in-text reference. For direct quotations, include the author, year of publication, and the page number.

Paraphrase Examples:

(Allen, 2008) *or* Allen (2008) suggested that... *or* In 2008, Allen determined that...

Quotation Examples:

Allen (2008) says credit cards “sock consumers with high interest rates and excessive fees” (p. A1).

Credit cards “often sock consumers with high interest rates and excessive fees” (Allen, 2008, p. A1).

Citation Generators

Citation generators create a citation in the style you specify based on information you provide about the source.

www.bibme.org

citationmachine.net

noodletools.com

www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite

For More Information

Consult the **Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association**, located in the Reference Collection (Ref BF76.7 .P83 2010)

or

Purdue's **APA Style Guide** web site at
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

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Books

Author, A. A. (Year). *Book title*. Location: Publisher.

Mitchell, B.A. (2006). *The boomerang age: Transitions to adulthood in families*. New Brunswick, NJ: Aldine.

Edited Book, No Author

Duncan, G. J., & Brooks-Gunn, J. (Eds.). (1997). *Consequences of growing up poor*. New York, NY: Russell Sage Foundation.

Edited Book with an Author

Plath, S. (2000). *The unabridged journals* K.V. Kukil, (Ed.). New York, NY: Anchor.

One Essay or Chapter from a Reference Book or Anthology

Author, A.A., & Author, B.B. (Year of Publication). Essay title. In A. Editor (Ed.), *Book Title* (pp. xx-xx). Location: Publisher.

Craik, F. I. & Brown, S. C. (2000). Memory: Coding processes. In A. E. Kazdin (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of psychology* (pp. 162-166). Washington, D. C.: American Psychological Association.

DVD

Producer, P.P. (Producer), & Director, D. D. (Director). (Year). *Movie title* [Motion picture]. Country of origin: Studio or Distributor

Crichton-Miller, E. (Producer), & Rawlence, C. (Director). (2007). *Secrets of the mind* [Motion picture]. Boston: WGBH Boston Video.

Periodical Articles

Author, A. A. (Year, Month day). Article title. *Periodical Title*, volume (issue), pages.

Valdez, P. (1994, December). Effects of color on emotions. *Journal of Experimental Psychology*, 123(4), 394-409.

Web Sites

Author, A. A. (Year, Month day). *Title of document*. Retrieved from <http://address>

[Note: If no date is given, include n.d. in parentheses after the author].

Van Wagner, K. (n.d.). *The id, ego and superego*. Retrieved from psychology.about.com/theoriesofpersonality

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Articles & Book Excerpts from Library Databases

To cite articles found in library databases, you generally do not need to provide database information (unless it is very difficult to locate), or the date the article was retrieved (unless it is likely to change, such as something from a wiki).

Author, A. A. (Year). Article title. *Periodical Title*, volume(issue), paging.

Author, A. A. (Year). Essay title. In E. E. Editor (Ed.), *Book title* (Edition, Vol., paging). Location: Publisher.

Pauly, D., Christensen, V., Froese R., & Palomares, R. (2000). Fishing down aquatic food webs. *American Scientist*, 88 (1), 46. Retrieved from Academic Search Premier.

Waldman, S. (1998). Divorce harms children. In C. Wekesser (Ed.), *Child Welfare*. San Diego: Greenhaven.

Online Periodical Articles

Author, A. A. (Year). Article title. *Periodical Title*, volume(issue), paging. Retrieved from <http://address>

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume number.

doi:0000000/000000000000

The DOI is a unique number assigned to sources. If one is provided, include it in the References listing for both print and electronic sources. If not, include "Retrieved by <http://the.web.address>"

Kubzansky, L. D., Martin, L. T., & Buka, S. L. (2009). Early manifestations of personality and adult health. *Health Psychology*, 28(3), 364-372. doi:10.1037/a0014428

Shenk, J. (2009, June). What makes us happy? The Atlantic. Retrieved from <http://www.theatlantic.com>

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Writing in APA Style

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WRITING IN APA STYLE 2

Your entire APA Style paper should be on standard letter sized paper in 12 point Times New Roman font with one inch margins on all sides. All of the text should be double-spaced, including the title page and references. Your title page should be formatted as in the example provided on this page.

WRITING IN APA STYLE 3

On subsequent pages, there should be page numbers in the upper right hand corner, while the title should be in all caps in the upper left hand corner.

Finally, a page for references should be included, consisting of all the references quoted or paraphrased in the paper.

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New Brunswick, NJ: Aldine.

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