

Quick Reference to APA Style

(7th 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 or paraphrasing ideas specific to one section of the text include the page number as well.

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

www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite

Always check computer generated references against an authoritative source to guard against inadvertent errors!

For More Information

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

or

Excelsior College’s **APA Style Guide** web site at

<https://owl.excelsior.edu/citation-and-documentation/apa-style/>

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Books

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

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

Edited Book, No Author

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

Edited Book with an Author

Plath, S. (2000). *The unabridged journals* (K.V. Kukil, Ed.). 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).
Publisher.

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

Film or Video

Director, D.D. (Director). (Year). *Movie title* [Film]. Studio or Distributor

Rawlence, C. (Director). (2007). *Secrets of the mind* [Film]. 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*. Site Name. <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*. Psychology. <https://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). Publisher.

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

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

Online Periodical Articles

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

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

doi:0000000/000000000000

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*. <http://www.theatlantic.com>

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. Only include a URL (web address) if article is found outside of our databases.

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Three Rivers Community College

Class

Professor

Date

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On subsequent pages, there should be page numbers in the upper right 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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Aldine.

Pauly, D., & Christensen, C. (2000). Fishing down aquatic food webs. *American Scientist*, 88 (1), 46.