

# APA Citation Style, 6th edition

These pages provide citing guidance for various formats according to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (2010) and the *APA Style Guide to Electronic References* (2012). Print copies of the APA manual are available in the reference section of both campus libraries (call number **BF 76.7 .P83. 2010**). An online version of *APA Style Guide to Electronic References* is available on the library website (see URL above). Librarians are also available for assistance.

## The Reference List

Begin a new page labeled **References** (centered and in lower case letters with a capital R). Entries should be alphabetized, and have a hanging indent (subsequent lines are indented five spaces). The entire reference list **must be double-spaced** (examples below are not double-spaced to save space).

APA requires that references cited in the text must appear in the reference list, and each entry on the reference list must be cited in the text (there are some exceptions). *Be sure that each source appears in both places, and that they are identical in spelling and year.*

## 1. Periodicals: Journal, magazine, or newspaper articles

**General formats:** Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (2009). Title of the article. *Title of Periodical*, x(xx), xxx-xxx.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.xxxx/xxxxxx>

or

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (2009). Title of the article. *Title of Periodical*, x(xx), xxx-xxx.  
 Retrieved from <http://xxxxx>

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numbers

Issue (no italics)

- Provide the digital object identifier (doi), if one is available.
- A doi may appear in one of two formats: <http://dx.doi.org/xxxxx> or doi:10.xxxxxxxxxx (there are no spaces, and no period at the end). Either format is acceptable. (Tip: copy and paste the doi to avoid transcription errors).
- If no doi is available, and you retrieved the document online, provide the home page URL of the online journal site (you may need to do a web search to find the URL). Many professors have preferences about what is cited when no doi is available (either citing the home page journal URL, leaving the URL off, or citing the database name that the article was retrieved from). Be sure to ask your instructors about their preferences.

**One author** Simpson, A. (2007). The impact of team processes on psychiatric case management. *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, 60, 409-418. doi:10.1111/j.1365-2648.2007.04402.x  
*In-text:* (Simpson, 2007) or Simpson (2007) stated that...

**Two authors** Sands, L., & Shaevitz, B. (2007). Kale in every pot. *Orion*, 26(4), 12.  
*In-text:* (Sands & Shaevitz, 2007) or According to Sands and Shaevitz (2007)

**Three to 5 authors** Geller, L. A., Schrader, K., & Nansel, T. R. (2007). Healthy eating practices: Perceptions, facilitators and barriers among youth with diabetes. *Diabetes Educator*, 33, 671-679. doi:10.1177/0145721707303807  
*In-text:* (Geller, Schrader, & Nansel, 2007) or Research by Geller, Schrader, and Nansel (2007)  
 Note: cite the last names of all authors the first time the reference occurs in your paper. In subsequent citations, use only the first author followed by et al. and the year. *Example:* (Geller et al., 2007).

**Six or 7 authors** Follow the general format, including all authors listed in the citation.  
*In-text:* (Firstauthor et al., year) or According to Firstauthor et al. (year), the research...  
 Use this format the first and subsequent times it is cited in the paper.

(See page 177 of the APA manual for a table of author formats for in-text citations).

**More than 8 authors** Include the first six authors, insert three ellipsis, and end with the last author.

*In-text:* (First Author et al., year) or According to Firstauthor et al. (year).  
 Use this format the first and subsequent times it is used in the paper.

- Magazine article** Padgett, T. (2007, July 16). Gay family values. *Time*, 170(3), 51-52. Retrieved from <http://www.time.com>  
*In-text:* (Padgett, 2007) or research by Padgett (2007).
- Newspaper, no author** Driving + talking = drain on brain? (2001, July 31). *Star Tribune*, pp. A1, A9. Retrieved from <http://www.startribune.com/>  
 Note: if there is no author, move the article title to the author position and alphabetize in the reference list by the first major word.  
*In-text:* (“Driving,” 2001) or According to “Driving + talking” (2001)
- Review of a book**  
 Elliot, P. (2004). [Review of the book *Music library instruction*, by D. K. Sloan]. *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 30, 508-509. Retrieved from <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/the-journal-of-academic-librarianship/>
- Abstracts from an online database**  
 Unterhalter, G., Farrell, S., & Mohr, C. (2007). Selective memory biases for words reflecting sex-specific body image concerns. *Eating Behaviors*, 8, 382-38 [Abstract]. Retrieved from PsycINFO database.

## 2. Books and reference books

**General format:** Author, A. A. (2006). *Title of the book*. Location: Publisher.

- One author** Dillard, A. (1974). *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*. New York, NY: Harper’s Magazine Press.  
*In-text:* (Dillard, 1974) or ...according to a study by Dillard (1974)
- Two authors** Kerrigan, W., & Braden, G. K., Jr. (1989). *The idea of progress* (2nd ed.). Chicago, IL: Avalon Press.  
*In-text:* (Kerrigan & Braden, 1989) or ...Kerrigan and Braden (1989) presented...
- Three to 5 authors** See the examples listed in the Periodicals section for citing multiple authors.
- Six or more authors** See the examples listed in the Periodicals section for citing multiple authors.
- Edited books** Gibbs, J. T., & Huang, L. N. (Eds.). (1998). *Children of color: Psychological interventions with minority youth* (2nd ed.). San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.  
*In-text:* (Gibbs & Huang, 1998) or Gibbs and Huang (1998) contend...
- No author or editor** *Webster’s new explorer dictionary and thesaurus* (2nd ed.). (1999). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.  
*In-text:* (*Webster’s new explorer dictionary and thesaurus*, 1999).
- Chapter in an edited book** Rose, P. (1987). Modernism: The case of Willa Cather. In H. Bloom (Ed.), *American fiction 1914 to 1945* (pp. 123-197). New York, NY: Chelsea House.  
*In-text:* (Rose, 1987) or Rose (1987) contended that...
- Encyclopedia entry** Smith, T. (1991). Drug addiction. In *The encyclopedia Americana* (Vol. 4, pp. 16-21). New York, NY: Grolier.  
*In-text:* (Smith, 1991) or Smith (1991) wrote that...

### Online book, dictionary or encyclopedia

**General format:** Author. (2007). *Title of work*. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxx>

Author. (2005). Title of chapter. In Editor (Ed.), *Title of book* (pp.xxx-xxx). Retrieved from <http://xxxx>

Feminism. (2005). *Encyclopedia.com*. Retrieved from <http://encyclopedia.com>

*In-text:* (“Feminism,” 2005) or According to “Feminism” (2005), the most...

Moulakis, A. (2007). Civic humanism. In E. N. Zalta (Ed.), *The Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy*. Retrieved from <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/humanism-civic>

*In-text:* (Moulakis, 2007) or According to Moulaskis (2007), later studies...

**Organization as Author:** American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

When the author is also the publisher, use the word “Author” in place of the publisher.

*In-text:* (American Psychological Association [APA], 2010). Spell out the organization name the first time it is used, then in subsequent citations use (APA, 2010).

### 3. Bible or classical works

Greek, Roman, or classical religious works are cited in the text of a paper only, and are not entered in the reference list. However, check with your instructors about their preferences.

Cite the book, chapter, and verse of the passage with the version of the Bible you used. This is required for the first in-text citation only; you do not need to identify the version in later citations unless you switch to a different version.

(John 3:16 New Revised Standard Version) *or* ...as read in the Bible in John 3:16 (New Revised Standard Version).

### 4. Personal communications

Examples of personal communications may include personal or telephone interviews, letters, memos, e-mail messages, chat or other types of discussion formats. Personal communications are cited in the text of the paper only because they are not considered recoverable. Do not include them in the reference list.

(V. P. DeLuca, personal communication, November 9, 2013) *or*  
J. M. Newsome (personal communication, May 28, 2012) expressed concern regarding....

### 5. Motion pictures and videos\*

**General format:** Name, A. B. (Producer), & Name, D. (Director). (year). *Title of the motion picture* [Motion picture]. Country of origin: Studio.

Donnelly, L. (Producer), & Raisz, K. (Field Producer/Director). (1994). *Toxic racism* [DVD]. Boston, MA: WGBH Boston.

*In-text:* ...was clearly shown in the video *Toxic Racism* (Donnelly & Raisz, 1994).

Nayar, D., & Chadha, G. (Producers), & Chadha, G. (Director). (2005). *Bride and prejudice* [DVD]. United States: Miramax.

*In-text:* (Nayar & Chadha, 2005).

\* Note: use [DVD] if you viewed it as a DVD. Use [Motion picture] if you viewed it in a theater.  
Cite the URL if you viewed it from an online site.

### 6. Direct quotations

To cite a specific part of a source, APA requires that the page number be included in the in-text citation. This includes references to specific pages, chapters, figures, tables, or equations. Quotations longer than 40 words must be formatted as a text block without quotation marks. (*See pages 170-173 of the APA manual for more information*).

*Examples:* (Edeline & Weinberg, 1991, p. 302) *or* According to Edeline and Weinberg (1991, p. 302)

### 7. Citing when there is no page number

Most electronic sources do not provide page numbers (unless they are PDFs). If paragraph numbers are visible, use them in place of page numbers. Use the abbreviation *para*.

*Examples:* As Myers (2000) found... (para. 5). *or* (Jostad, 2001, para. 6).

If there are headings in the document and neither paragraph nor page numbers are visible, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph within this section where the information was found.

*Example:* (Beutler, 2000, Conclusion section, para. 1)

(*See pages 171-172 of the APA manual for more information about citing without pagination*).

## 8. Select Electronic Sources

### Websites, Social Media, and Online Media

There is much variation in websites so follow the examples as closely as you can. If the source gives no copyright or “last updated” date, use (n.d.), the abbreviation for no date. Specific dates may be included for content that changes often (such as blogs). Electronic references require a retrieval source in the form of a URL (i.e., <http://xxxx>). Do not end the URL with a period, and remove the underlining in the references list.

Consult the *APA Style Guide to Electronic References* for the latest information on citing websites, social media, and other online formats. The guide can be accessed through CLICnet, the online library catalog, and is available in a print version in the library reference section (call number **BF76.7 .P831 2012**).

**General format:** Author, A. A. (year). Title of document [Format]. Retrieved from <http://xxxxx>

*Format information (given in brackets, following the title) is optional and may be used to describe the content, i.e., brochure, video podcast, blog post, etc.*

*Note: when a site has many pages, it is acceptable to give a URL for the home page for the site.*

### Website document

Rolenc, S. (2013). *Citizen Katie 2013 sees record turnout*. Retrieved from St. Catherine University website:  
<http://news.stkate.edu/articles/citizenkatie13post.html> *In-text:* (Rolenc, 2013)

*Note: the publishing organization should be included in the retrieval information if it is not listed as the author; an example follows:*

Gestational diabetes. (2013, July 13). Retrieved from the Mayo Clinic website: <http://www.mayoclinic.com>  
*In-text:* (“Gestational diabetes,” 2013).

### Report from an organization

World Health Organization. (2013). *Research for universal health coverage: World health report 2013*. Retrieved from  
<http://www.who.int/whr/2013/report/en/> *In-text:* (World Health Organization, 2013)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2013, May 29). *Waterborne disease prevention branch*. Retrieved from  
<http://www.cdc.gov>

*In-text, first time it is used:* (Centers for Disease Control [CDC], 2013)  
*Each subsequent citation:* (CDC, 2013)

### Online document, with no author and no date

*Faculty survey.* (n.d.). Retrieved from [http://faculty.maryvillecollege.edu/library/libreview/faculty\\_survey.PDF](http://faculty.maryvillecollege.edu/library/libreview/faculty_survey.PDF)  
*In text:* (Faculty survey, n.d.)

*Move the title to the author position, and use the abbreviation n.d. for no date.*

### Brochure

United States Department of Agriculture. (2011). *Avian influenza: Protecting the United States* [Brochure].  
Retrieved from <http://www.usda.gov/documents/AvianFluBrochure.pdf>  
*In-text:* (United States Department of Agriculture, 2011)

### Blog post

Library News. (2010, June 18). Fall book club: A graphic novel [Blog post]. Retrieved from  
<http://stkatescheckitout.blogspot.com/2009/06/fall-book-club-graphic-novel.html>

*In text:* (Library News, 2010).

*Note: provide the month and day, in addition to the year, for content that is apt to change frequently.*

### Online lecture notes or PowerPoint slides

Sprott, J. C. (n.d.). *Is global warming for real?* [PowerPoint slides]. Retrieved from <http://sprott.physics.wisc.edu/lectures/warming.ppt>  
*In-text:* (Sprott, n.d.)

*Note: cite lecture notes as personal communication when they are available only in D2L, from an instructor, or as a class handout.*

### Streaming video (such as YouTube)

**General format:** Author, A. B. (year, month day). Title of video [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://xxxxx>

Arizona State University. (2012, May 26). RefWorks: The ultimate tool for bibliographies [Video file].  
Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0MFTvX5PqQ8> *In text:* (Arizona State University, 2012)

### Video Podcast

Lipari, J. (2012, August 13). *Learning through podcasting* [Video podcast]. Retrieved from  
<http://stkate.mediaspace.com/Panopto> *In text:* (Lipari, 2012)