

APA Citation Style

Instructors usually require the use of either APA (American Psychological Assn.) or MLA (Modern Language Assn.) style when citing in-text sources and creating a **References** or **Works cited** list. Find out which style to use before beginning research. As you take notes for a research paper, **write down all necessary information** needed to cite each source used in your paper.

The exact form of the citation will depend on the type of item you are citing (whether a book, journal article or Web page), the format, and the information about this item that you have. These pages provide citing guidance for various formats according to the *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5 ed., 2001) and *APA style guide to electronic references* (2007). Please refer to these manuals for formats not mentioned here. Copies of the APA manuals are available at the Library's Reference Desk, and in the Reference collection, call number **REF. BF 76.7 .P83**. Chapter 4 provides examples for most formats, but if a source similar to yours isn't covered exactly, follow an example that is **most** like your source. You may also ask a Reference Librarian for assistance.

The References or Work cited list

The 2001 APA manual states that references cited in the text must appear in the reference list; conversely, each entry in the reference list must be cited in the text. *Be sure that each source appears in both places and that entries in both places are identical in spelling and year.* The reference list **MUST BE DOUBLE SPACED**; entries should be alphabetized and have a hanging indent. (The examples below are not double-spaced in order to save space.)

1. Journal, magazine and newspaper articles

General form Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (2007). Title of the article. *Title of Periodical*, x(x), xxx-xxx.

Journal article, one author Kim, E. A. (2007). Evaluation of three fall-risk assessment tools in an acute care setting. *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, 60(4), 427-435.

In-text citation: ... based on Kim (2007). or ...other research (Kim, 2007).

Journal article, two to six authors

Geller, L. A., Schrader, K., & Nansel, T. R. (2007). Healthy eating practices: Perceptions, facilitators, and barriers among youth with diabetes. *Diabetes Educator*, 33(4), 671-679.

Note: More than six authors, use et al. following the sixth author's name and initial. Follow examples also given under Books, more than six authors.

In-text citation: ...processes (Geller, Schrader, & Nansel, 2007).
Research by Geller, Schrader and Nansel (2007) also shows...

Magazine article

Padgett, T. (2007, July 16). Gay family values. *Time*, 170, 51-52.

In-text citation: ...other people (Padgett, 2007). or ...research by Padgett (2007).

Daily newspaper, no author

Driving + talking = drain on brain? (2001, July 31). *Star Tribune*, pp. A1, A9.

Note: Use author if provided. If no author, move the article title to the first position and alphabetize in the reference list by the first word. Give all page numbers, separated by a comma, on which article appears.

In-text citation: ...of all accidents ("Driving," 2001).
According to "Driving + talking," (2001), cell phones are....

Review of a book or motion picture

Blake, R. A. (2004). Lovers in the ruins [Review of the motion picture *Cold Mountain*]. *America*, 190, 22.

Note: If the review has no title, simply remove the brackets, as below:

Elliot, P. (2004). Review of the book *Music library instruction*. *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 30, 508-509.

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Volume
(in italics)

Issue
(no italics)

Page
numbers

2. Books and reference books

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Resources**, p. 3-4

- General form** Author, A. A. (2006). *Title of the book*. Location: Publisher Press.
- One author** Dillard, A. (1974). *Pilgrim of truth*. New York: Harper and Row.
In-text citation: ...of learning (Dillard, 1974). or ...according to a study by Dillard (1974) the...
- Two authors** Kerrigan, W., & Braden, G. K., Jr. (1989). *The idea of progress*. Chicago: Avalon Press.
In-text citation: ...questions this notion (Kerrigan & Braden, 1989), but studies show...
...Kerrigan and Braden (1989) have written extensively...
- Three to six authors** Follow general form, including the names of all authors.
In-text citation: Cite the surnames 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.

Examples: Rott, Rickert, Newsome and Humeston (2001) reported finding... (Use as first citation in text)
Rott et al. (2005) found substantial evidence... (Next time citation is used)
Rott et al. also concluded... (Omit year from next citation if it is *within* the same paragraph)
- Seven or more authors** Conway, R., Frederick, C. L., Abbott, D. E., Jr., Young, P., Taylor, L. M.,
Weiss, K., et al. (2001). *The complexity of forests*. New York: Dover.
Note: Following the sixth author's name and initial, use et al.
In-text citation: ...the law (Conway et al., 2001). or Conway et al. (2001) find...
- Edited books** Gibbs, J. T., & Huang, L. N. (Eds.). (1998). *Children of color: Psychological
interventions with minority youth* (2nd ed.). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.
In-text citation: ...the child (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.
Note: alphabetize in the reference list by the first word, Webster's
In-text citation: ... (*Webster's new explorer dictionary and thesaurus*, 1993).
You may also shorten the name: ... according to *Webster's* (1993)...
- Articles in edited books** Rose, P. (1987). Modernism: The case of Willa Cather. In H. Bloom (Ed.), *American fiction
1914 to 1945* (pp. 123-197). New York: Chelsea House.
In-text citation: ...all along (Rose, 1987). or ...Rose (1987) contends that...
- Signed entry in encyclopedia** Smith, T. (1991). Drug addiction. In *The encyclopedia Americana*
(Vol. 4, pp. 16-21). New York: Grolier.
In-text citation: ...(Smith, 1991). or ...issue, Smith (1991) writes...
- Unsigned entry in a reference book**
Leary, Timothy (1920-1996). (1997). In N. A. Hamilton (Ed.), *The ABC-CLIO companion to the
1960s counterculture in America* (pp. 178-182). Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
In-text citation: ...about Timothy Leary's beliefs ("Leary," 1997).

3. Brochures and pamphlets with a corporate author

Cite brochures, manuals, reports and pamphlets the same as a book.

- General form** Name of Organization. (2007). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.
Carmen Pampa Fund. (2007). *Carmen Pampa Fund 2006 annual report*.
St. Paul, MN: Author.
Note: When the author and publisher are identical, use the word Author as the publisher.
In-text citation: ...(Carmen Pampa Fund, 2007). or ...gave to the Carmen Pampa Fund (2007).

4. Personal communications

Examples of personal communications may include personal or telephone interviews, letters, memos, email 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, they are not included in the reference list). Provide the date as exact as is possible.

J.M. Newsome (personal communication, May 28, 2007) expressed concern regarding...
...of their lives and their jobs (V.P. DeLuca, personal communication, November 9, 2007).

5. Motion pictures and videos

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

Note: APA refers to all movies, DVDs and videos as motion pictures.

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

6. Citing specific parts of a source

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. (See **Section 3.34** of the APA manual for **quotations**.)

Examples: ... (Edeline & Weinberg, 1991, p. 302). *or* According to Edeline and Weinberg (1991, p. 302)...
... (Pepperberg, 1998, chap. 21). *or* Research by Pepperberg (1998, chap. 21) found...

Many **electronic sources** do not provide page numbers (unless they are PDF reproductions of printed material). If paragraph numbers are visible, use them in place of page numbers. Use the ¶ symbol or the abbreviation **para**.

As Myers (2000, ¶ 5) phrased it . . . *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 ¶ following it to direct the reader to the location of the material.

(Beutler, 2000, Conclusion section, ¶ 1)

If neither numbers nor headings are present, it may be necessary to omit a location reference altogether.

7. Electronic Resources

APA no longer requires a retrieval date if the information is unlikely to change (such as a PDF document). Web pages and articles in HTML form **are** likely to change; the citation **should include** a retrieval date. Do not put a period after a URL.

Articles from online, subscription database (no DOI given)

General form Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (2005). Title of the article. *Title of Periodical*, *x(xx)*, xxx-xxx. Retrieved from xxxxxx database.

Include the name of the Library database that had the full text of the article

Volek, J. S., VanHeest, J. L., & Forsythe, C. E. (2005). Diet and exercise for weight loss: A review of current issues. *Sports Medicine*, *35*, 126. Retrieved from Academic Search Premier database.

Note: Give the page range or simply the beginning page, as provided.

In-text citation: ...these conclusions (Volek, VanHeest, & Forsythe, 2005).
Volek, VanHeest and Forsythe (2005) have also found that...

Articles from online, subscription database (with a DOI)

General form Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (2005). Title of the article. *Title of Periodical*, *x(xx)*, xxx-xxx. doi:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

A DOI is a unique number assigned to articles by publishers. Publisher may prefer a DOI when available.

Roth, L. M. (2000). Effects of caffeine on cognitive, psychomotor, and affective performance of children with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. *Journal of Attention Disorders*, *4*(1), 27-47. doi:10.1177/108705470000400103

In-text citation: ... (Roth, 2000). *or* Roth (2000) found that...

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(3), 382-38 [Abstract]. Retrieved from PsycINFO database.

Online book, dictionary or encyclopedia

Brophy, J. E. (2004). *Motivating students to learn*. Retrieved from NetLibrary database.

Feminism. (2005). *Encyclopedia.com*. Retrieved February 10, 2007, from <http://encyclopedia.com>

In-text citation: ("Feminism," 2005). or According to "Feminism" (2005), the most...

Moore, Henry (1898-1986). (2005). *The concise Oxford dictionary of quotations*. Retrieved from Oxford Reference Online database.

In-text citation: ...("Moore," 2005). or ...whereas "Moore" (2005) tells us that...

Moulakis, A. (2002). Civic humanism. In E. N. Zalta (Ed.), *The Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy*. Retrieved October 12, 2007, from <http://plato.stanford.edu>

Other Web sites

There is much variation in Websites - follow the examples as closely as you can. Give the date you accessed (or retrieved) the page and the URL (Web address). To avoid mistyping, we advise that you copy and paste the URL into your paper. If the source gives no copyright or "last updated" date, use (n.d.) -- no date. **Do not end the URL with a period**, and remove underlines.

General form Author, A. B. (2006). *Title of the page*. Retrieved month day, year, from <http://www.source.html>

Multipage Web site created by a private organization or company

National Families in Action. (2004). *A guide to drugs and the brain*. Retrieved October 4, 2007, from <http://www.nationalfamilies.org>

Note: When a site has many pages with multiple extensions, give a URL for the home (or entry) page for the site.

Document on university program or department Web site

Lindsley, C. (2001). *Cal Ripken's retirement highlights life-transition issues*. Retrieved September 30, 2007, from University of Maryland Medicine Web site: <http://www.umm.edu/features/ripken.html>

Report from an organization, available on the organization's Web site

American Academy of Pediatrics. (1994, March). *Guidelines on foregoing life-sustaining medical treatment (RE 9406)*. Retrieved September 9, 2007, from <http://www.aap.org/policy/00118.html>

Daily newspaper article, from the Web site of the newspaper

Jostad, K. G. (2001, October 13). Helping out: Friends honor teacher by helping kids. *Star Tribune* [Minneapolis-St. Paul]. Retrieved October 13, 2006, from <http://startribune.com/>

Brochure (in PDF form)

United States Department of Agriculture. (2006). *Avian influenza: Protecting the United States* [Brochure]. Retrieved from <http://www.usda.gov/documents/AvianFluBrochure.pdf>

Reference to entire Web site

When referring to an entire site, give the URL in the text but **do not** include it in the reference list.

Example: *Witchcraft in Europe and America* is a Web site that presents the full text of many essential works in the literature of witchcraft and demonology (<http://www.witchcraft.psmedia.com/>). In contrast...

Stand-alone document, with no author identified and no date given

Faculty survey. (n.d.). Retrieved November 15, 2006, from http://faculty.maryvillecollege.edu/library/libreview/faculty_survey.PDF

In-text citation: ...for this group ("Faculty survey," n.d.).

PowerPoint slides

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

Note: If the PowerPoint was made by your own professor, list him or her as the author. If the slides are on Blackboard, begin as above, then: Retrieved from the College of St. Catherine Blackboard site: <http://blackboard.stkate.edu>

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