

APA Citation Samples

This handout shows how to cite different kinds of sources in APA format with formulas for elements of citations, and with examples.

Authors

Authors are listed in different ways, depending on how many there are for each source.

One author

Last name first, followed by author initials.

DeYoung, T. J.

Two

Last names and initials. Use the “&” symbol instead of "and."

Chilwack, B. T., & Prefontaine, R. E.

Three to seven

Last names and initials, commas after each author name, and the “&” before the final author.

Sernis, M. H., Kornell, D. P., Bun, C. R., Cherry, A., Barlow, T., & Bachman, J. S.

More than seven

Include the first six authors listed, replace the extras with “. . .”, then provide the final author’s name. There should be no more than seven names.

Stiller, F. H., Troi, M. J., Cannigeli, L. L., Hartman, A. A., Stafford, J. A., Thomas, S. T., . . .

Johnson, L. H.

The following examples use a single author.
Use the guidelines above for multiple authors.

Books

Printed books

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle*. Location:
Publisher.

Example:

Kettlewell, C. (2004). *Electric dreams: One unlikely team of kids and the race to build the car of the future*. New York: Carol & Graf.

Printed books, one editor [multiple editors follow the same form as authors]

Format:

Editor, E. E. (Ed.). (Year of publication). *Title of work*. City of publication: Publisher.

Example:

Haerens, M. (Ed.). (2006). *Illegal immigration*. Detroit: Greenhaven.

Electronic Version of Print Books

Format:

Last name, and Initials. (Year or n.d. if no date is given). *Title of work: Capital letter for first word in subtitle*. Retrieved from <http://www...>

Example:

De Huff, E.W. (n.d.). *Taytay's tales: Traditional Pueblo Indian tales*. Retrieved from
<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/dehuff/taytay/taytay.html>

Journal and Magazine Articles

Electronic journal and magazine articles from a subscription database

Format:

Last name, and Initials. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal or Magazine*, volume #(issue #),
page numbers. doi: 0000000/0000000000000

Example:

Farr, T. (2008). Diplomacy in an age of faith. *Foreign Affairs*, 87(2), 110-124. doi:
10.1108/03090560710821161

Printed journal articles with a volume number

Format:

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

Example:

Friedman, W. (1998). Volunteerism and the decline of violent crime. *Journal of Criminal Law
and Criminology*, 88, 1453-1474.

Printed journal articles with volume and issue numbers

Format:

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

Example:

Napoli, P. (1999). Deconstructing the diversity principle. *Journal of Communication*, 49(4), 7-34.

Newspaper Articles

Printed newspaper articles

Format:

Last name, Initials. (Publication year, Month and Day). Article title. *Title of Newspaper*, Page range, OR total pages.

NOTE: Unlike other periodicals, p. or pp. precedes page numbers for a newspaper reference in APA style. Single pages take p., e.g., p. B2; multiple pages take pp., e.g., pp. B2, B4 or pp. C1, C3-C4.

Example:

Schultz, S. (2005, December 28). Calls made to strengthen state energy policies. *The Country Today*, pp. 1A, 2A.

Electronic newspaper articles from a subscription database

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*. Retrieved from <http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/>

Example:

Parker-Pope, T. (2008, May 6). Psychiatry handbook linked to drug industry. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

Encyclopedia and Dictionary Articles

Electronic encyclopedia and dictionary articles, no author

Format:

Encyclopedia/Dictionary entry. (n.d.) In *Title of Online Encyclopedia/Dictionary*. Retrieved from <http://www.url...>

Example

Feminism. (n.d.) In *Encyclopædia Britannica online*. Retrieved from <http://www.britannica.com>

Printed encyclopedia articles, signed and unsigned

Format:

Last name, Initials. (Publication year). Title of article. In *Title of Encyclopedia* (Volume #, page-range). City: Publisher.

Example:

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

Web Sources

Web sites or pages

Format:

Author, A. A. (Date of publication). *Title of document*. Retrieved from <http://Web> address

Examples:

Smithsonian Institution. (2008). *America on the move*. Retrieved from

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthemove/index.html>

Fung, K. (2008). *Africa: South of the Sahara*. Retrieved from <http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa>

Other examples are available at
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/07/>

For a complete list of citations for sources not listed here, please consult the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th edition), available in the PCC Library.

A DOI (digital object identifier), if available, is preferable to a URL for electronic sources. The format is either doi:xxxxx or Retrieved from <http://Web> address at the end of an entry



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