

APA STYLE GUIDE

REFERENCES

COMMONLY REFERENCED MATERIALS

Based on the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association – 6th Edition*
APA Style Guide to Electronic References – 2007

APA format is typically used in sociology, psychology, the sciences, and nursing courses.

General Reference Rules:

- **Format** – double space typed and hanging indentation (first line of each reference flush with left margin, following lines indented five spaces).
- **Reference Order** - list references in alphabetical order by author's last name OR, if no author name is given, the article title should be the first element of the reference, alphabetize on first important word of title
- **Author names** - invert all authors' names; last name first, initial of first and middle names for up to and including six authors. For works with seven or more authors, use "et al." after the sixth author. Use an ampersand (&), not the word "and," between the last and second to last author names.
- **No author** – use title as first element of the reference
- **Title Capitalization rules** – for all titles EXCEPT PERIODICAL TITLES – capitalize
 - only the first word
 - proper names
 - when a colon is in the title, capitalize the first word after the colon
 - PERIODICAL TITLES (professional journals, magazines, newspapers) – capitalize all important words
- **Title formats** – italicize book and periodical titles
- **No publication date** - use (n.d.) in place of the date
- **Punctuation** – strictly follow punctuation between reference elements

Reference elements in each of the following examples are labeled to help you identify citation structure.

Reference guidelines for information sources not listed in this guide can be found in the *APA Publication Manual* and/or the *APA Style Guide to Electronic References* available at the Library Reference Desk.

Be aware that your professor may have unique reference style requirements. Check with your course instructor to verify his/her required format.

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MAGAZINE AND JOURNAL ARTICLES FROM A LIBRARY DATABASE

Journal article with a DOI

Note: Article DOI (digital object identifier) appears in the brief article description in search result lists, is listed in the full record for the article, and/or may be printed on the first or last page of the article.

Leonard, N.H., & Harvey, M. (2008). Negative perfectionism: Examining negative excessive
AUTHORS DATE ARTICLE TITLE
behavior in the workplace. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 28(3), 585-610.
JOURNAL TITLE VOLUME ISSUE PAGE NUMBERS
doi:10.1111/j.1559-1816.2007.00318x
DOI

Journal or magazine article without a DOI (based on APA Style Guide to Electronic References – 2007)

Note: For an article from a magazine published on a specified day, use the date format shown in the print magazine example.

Borman, W.C., Hanson, M.A., & White, L.A. (2006). Role of early supervisory
AUTHORS DATE ARTICLE TITLE
 experience. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 78, 443-449. Retrieved from Academic Search
JOURNAL TITLE VOLUME PAGE NUMBERS DATABASE RETRIEVED FROM
 Premier database.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Print newspaper article

New drug appears to sharply cut risk of death. (2003, July 15). *The Washington Post*, p. A12.
ARTICLE TITLE DATE NEWSPAPER NAME SECTION PAGE

Online newspaper article from a newspaper Web site or a library article database

Hilts, P.J. (1999, February 16). In forecasting their emotions, most people flunk out. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>
AUTHOR DATE ARTICLE TITLE NEWSPAPER NAME
URL OF NEWSPAPER WEB SITE

WEB SITES

Non-periodical Web site article with organization or corporate author

Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. (2009, March 2). *World fisheries must prepare for climate change*. Retrieved from <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/10270/icode/>
ORGANIZATION/AUTHOR DATE ARTICLE TITLE
URL FOR FIRST PAGE OF ARTICLE

Technical or research report available on a Web Site (usually in PDF format)

Foss, R.D., Goodwin, A.H., McCartt, A.T., & Hellinga, L.A. (2008). *Short-term effects of a teenage driver cell phone restriction*. Retrieved from Insurance Institute for Highway Safety website:
AUTHORS DATE REPORT TITLE
ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR WEB SITE
<http://www.iihs.org/research/topics/pdf/r1106.pdf>
URL FOR EXACT LOCATION OF DOCUMENT

Video Posting

Norton, R. (2006, November 4). How to train a cat to operate a light switch. [Video file].
PRODUCER DATE POSTED TITLE FORMAT
 Video posted to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vja83KLQXZs>
URL FOR EXACT LOCATION OF VIDEO

PRINT MAGAZINE AND JOURNAL ARTICLES

Magazine article

Kandel, E.R. (2000, November 10). Neuroscience: Breaking down scientific barriers.
AUTHOR DATE ARTICLE TITLE
Science, 290, 1113-1120.
JOURNAL TITLE VOLUME PAGE NUMBERS

Journal article

Klimoski, R., & Palmer, S. (2006). The ADA and the hiring process. *Consulting*
AUTHORS DATE ARTICLE TITLE JOURNAL TITLE
Psychology Journal, 45 (2), 10-36.
VOLUME ISSUE PAGE NUMBERS

BOOKS

One author

Beck, C.A. (2001). *Family mediation: Facts, myths, and future prospects*. Washington, DC:
AUTHOR DATE BOOK TITLE PLACE OF PUBLICATION
 American Psychological Association.
PUBLISHER

Two or more authors

Mitchell, T.R., & Larson, J.R., Jr. (1987). *People in organizations: An introduction to*
AUTHORS DATE BOOK TITLE
organizational behavior (3rd ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.
EDITION PLACE OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHER

Edited book

Gibbs, J.T., & Huang, L.N. (Eds.). (1991). *Children of color: Psychological*
EDITORS DATE BOOK TITLE
interventions with minority youth (Rev. ed.). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.
EDITION PLACE OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHER

Chapter in an edited book

Bjork, R.A. (1989). Retrieval inhibition. In H.L. Roediger III (Ed.), *Varieties of memory*
CHAPTER AUTHOR DATE CHAPTER TITLE BOOK EDITOR BOOK TITLE
& consciousness (pp. 309-330). Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum.
CHAPTER PAGES PLACE OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHER

ELECTRONIC BOOKS

Entire electronic book

Ali, S.M. (2004). *The position of women in Islam: A progressive view*. Retrieved from State University
AUTHOR DATE E-BOOK TITLE DATABASE RETRIEVED FROM
 of New York Digital Repository database.

Electronic book chapter

Cassell, J. (2000). Nudge, nudge, wink, wink: Elements of fact-to-face conversation for embodied conversational agents. In J. Cassell, J. Sullivan, S. Prevost, & E. Churchill (Eds.), *Embodied conversational agents* (pp. 1-27). Retrieved from <http://www.netlibrary.com/Details.aspx>.

MOTION PICTURE

Condon, B. (Director). (1998). *Gods and monsters*. [DVD]. United States: Lions Gate Home Entertainment.