APA Style – Quick Guide

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American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.* (6th ed.).

Washington, D.C.: Author.

General Guidelines

- **APA** paper has **4 components**: Title Page, Abstract, Body of Paper, and References.
- Your list of references should begin on a separate page, with the title "**References.**"
- Arrange entries **alphabetically**, using the last name of the author. If no author is given, alphabetize by the title, eliminating any initial A, An, or The.
- Begin each entry at the left margin. Indent the following lines one-half inch from the left margin.
- **Double-space** within each entry, and between each entry.
- Follow carefully the punctuation, underlining, and capitalization in the examples.

In-Text Citation

Parenthetical references

- The list of Works Cited at the end of your paper tells your reader what resources you used to write your paper. **To avoid plagiarism** or taking credit for ideas that are not your own, you must also indicate in the text of your paper precisely what is borrowed from a source and where to locate that information in the source.

- The **in-text citation usually appears in parentheses** and corresponds directly to an entry in your list of Works Cited.

- The **author's last name and the page number** are usually enough to indicate the location in the source.

- If the author's name is used in the sentence, do not repeat it in the citation.

In-Text Examples (6.11-6.25):

Author's name in text	Sellers had expressed that the market changed in the 17th century (pp. 91-92).
Author's name in reference	…Sellers view on economic grow is not widely embraced among Historians (Cassell, 2007, p. 9).
Multiple authors of a work	The literature also indicates (Hamilton and Spruill, 1999, p. 231) that modest improvements have been made to training programs.
Two locations	Sellers market and democracy theory does have merit (pp. 91-92, p. 261).
Two works cited	(Salzman, 2000, p. 38; Sellers, 1991, p. 198)
References to volumes and pages	(Crowell, 2008, vol. 4, pp. 19-22)
Corporate authors	(Chrysler Group, 2009, pp. 36-39)
Work with no author	(Time, 2007, p. 22)

Article from an online database* – no DOI

Author, A. A. [middle initial if available] & Author, B. B. (Year). Title of article. *Italicized Title of Journal, volume,* page range. Retrieved from URL [include homepage URL of the journal, newsletter, or magazine]

Example (7.01):

Faragher, J. M. (2001). Bungalow and ranch house: The architectural backwash of California. *Western Historical Quarterly, 32,* 149-173. Retrieved from http://www.usu.edu/whq/

*Do not include the issue number in journal citations, unless the journal is paginated by issue.

Article from a online database* – with DOI

Author Last Name, A. A. [middle initial if available], Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year). Title of article. *Italicized Title of Journal, volume,* page range. doi: xxxx.xxxxxx

Example (7.01):

Taylor, E., Highfield, M., & Amenta, M. (1999). Predictors of oncology and hospice nurses' spiritual care perspective and practices. *Applied Nursing Research, 12*, 30-37. doi: 10.1016/S0897-1897(99)80156-6

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Article from the Web/Internet

Author Last Name, A. A. [middle initial if available] "Title of Article." *Italicize Title of Journal.* Volume number. Issue [when issue n. is available] (year): page range. Format. *Italicize Name of Database.* Day Month Year [when accessed].

Example (7.01):

Mendoza, J., & Reese, D. (2001). Examining multicultural picture books for early childhood classroom: Possibilities and pitfalls. *Early Childhood Research & Practice, 3*(2). Retrieved December 6, 2007, from http://ecrp.uiuc.edu/v3n2/mendoza.html

*Do not include the issue number in journal citations, unless the journal is paginated by issue.

Book with one author

Author's last name, First initial Middle initial [if available]. (Year). *Italicize Title*. Publication Location:

Publishing Company.

Example (7.02):   -return to top-

Koenig, G. (2000). *Iconic LA: Stories of LA's most memorable buildings*. Glendale, CA: Balcony.

Book with three or seven authors

Author, A. A. [middle initial if available], Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year). *Italicize Title*. Publication

Location: Publisher.

Example (7.02):   -return to top-

Landau, R., & Pashdag, J. (1984). *Outrageous L.A.* San Francisco, CA: Chronicle.

Book with Editor's & No Author

Editor, A. A. [middle initial if available] (Ed.). (Year). *Italicize Title*. Publication Location: Publisher.

Example (7.02):   -return to top-

Weisser, S. O. (Ed.). (2001). *Women and romance: A reader.* New York, NY: New York University Press.

Book with Author & Editor

Author, A. A. [middle initial if available] (Year). Title of work. In A. A. Editor & B. B. Editor. (Eds.), *Italicize*

Book Title (pp. [page range]). Publication Location: Publisher.

Example (7.02):   -return to top-

Sheppard, M. (2007). Assessment: From reflectivity to process knowledge. In J. Lishman (Eds.), *Handbook for*

practice learning in social work and social care: Knowledge and theory (pp. 128-137). London, UK:

Jessica Kingsley.

Reference Books

If the article or entry is signed, place the author's name first; if it is unsigned, give the title first. For well-known reference works, it is not necessary to include full publication information. Include only the title of the reference source, edition, and date of publication.

Encyclopedia

Title of article or entry. *Title of Reference Work* (ed.) [edition if available]. Retrieved from URL

Example (7.02.30):   -return to top-

Geoengineering. (2010). In *Encyclopædia Britannica.* Retrieved from

http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/1527153/geoengineering

Dictionary – signed

Author, A. A. [middle initial if available] (Year). Title of entry. In Editors First initial Last Name (Ed.), *Italicize Source Title: Vol.* (edition). Publication Location: Publisher.

Example (7.02.24 & 7.02.30):

Turner, T. F. (1902). Mission. In R. Sturgis (Series Ed.), *A Dictionary of Architecture and Building: 1st ed. Vol. 2* (p. 913). New York, NY: Macmillan.

Article from a newspaper

Author, A. A. [middle initial if available] (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Source*, pp. [page range].

Example (7.01.10):

Ouroussoff, N. (1997, September 30). Enduring legacy: How the Spanish Missions still shape modern California. *Los Angeles Times*, pp. A1, A3.

Article from a popular magazine

Author, A. A. [middle initial if available] (Year, Month). Title of article. *Italicize Title of Magazine*, *Volume*(issue), page range.

Example (7.01.7-8):

Scherer, M. (2010, September 27). It's tea time: A conservative revolt is shaking up the Republican Party nationwide. But are Democrats next? *Time, 176*(13), 26-30.

Webpage

Author Last Name, A. A. [middle initial if available] or Screen Name. (Year). Title of post. Retrieved from http://www.xxxx

Example (7.11):

Hanks, H. (2010). Going 'Back to the Future,' 25 years later. Retrieved October 21, 2010, from http://www.cnn.com/2010/SHOWBIZ/Movies/10/20/bttf.anniversary.go/index.html?hpt=C2

Online Book

Name of author/compiler/director/editor/narrator or translator of the work. *Italicize Title of work*. Title of overall website. Publication or Sponsor, year. *Italicize vender name*. Format. Date of access [day, month and year].

Example (5.6.2):

Upton, Dell. *Architecture in the United States*. Oxford, 1998. *NetLibrary*. Web. 1 Jan. 2010.