



APA Style: Formatting and Examples

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The information in this guide is based upon the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association 6th ed. (2009). This guide provides only **basic** information about citing references for “in-text” and a “Reference List” page for books and journal articles. This is not a substitute for being familiar with all APA format requirements.

****Always refer to your instructor and the manual as final authorities about manuscript preparation, mechanics of style, citing references, etc. ****

In-text Citations (6.1) Basic Formats and Examples

APA manual #	Guidelines/Criteria	Examples
6.11	Single author: provide author surname and year of publication	(Smith, 2005)
	Single author: if the author is mentioned in the body of your text, provide year of publication only	Smith (2005) stated that...
6.13	Organizational author: provide organization name with organizational abbreviation in brackets (only if the abbreviation is well-known) and year of publication	1st citation only: (American Psychological Association [APA], 2006) After 1st use: (APA, 2006)
	Organizational author: if the organization is mentioned in the body of your text and it has a well-known abbreviation, provide the abbreviation in its own set of parenthesis followed by year of publication only	1st citation only: According to the American Psychological Association (APA) (2006)... After 1st use: According to the APA (2006) studies show that...
6.12	Two authors: provide both author surnames and year of publication	(Smith & Jones, 2007)
	Two authors: if mentioned in body of your text, provide year of publication only	Smith and Jones (2007) stated that...
6.12	Three-five authors: cite all author surnames for the first in-text citation and include year of publication. For additional in-text citations by these multiple authors, use first author's surname and notation "et al." followed by year of publication.	1st citation only: (Smith, Jones, Brown & Walton, 2008) After 1st use: (Smith et al., 2008)
	Three-five authors: if mentioned in the body of your text, list all authors for the first citation. Additional citations of this group needs only the first author's surname followed by phrase "et al." and provide year of publication.	1st citation only: Smith, Jones, Brown and Walton (2008) argued that... After 1st use: Smith et al. (2008) concluded that...
6.12	Six or more authors: cite first author surname followed by "et al." notation	(Smith et al., 2009)
	Six or more authors: if mentioned in body of your text cite first author surname followed by "et al." notation and the year of publication.	Smith et al. (2009) stated...

**Please see table 6.1 in the APA manual for more in-text citation examples.*

Reference List Entries:

Books / Non-periodical Formats & Examples (see APA section 7.01 & 7.02)

Please note that all reference list entries will need to be double-spaced.

No author basic format (print books):

Title of work. (year). Place of Publication: Publisher.

No author, print book (example):

Improving study habits. (2009). Phoenix: Phlegm Press.

No author basic format (electronic books):

Title of work. (year). Retrieved from http://url_to_item

No author, electronic book (example):

Improving study habits. (2009). Retrieved from <http://ebooksgalore.edu>

One author basic format (print):

Author, A. A. (Date of publication). *Title of work.* Place of publication: Publisher.

One author, print book (example):

Smith, A. B. (2009). *Stem cell research.* New York, NY: Hudson River Press.

One author basic format (electronic):

Author, A. A. (Date of publication). *Title of work* [Reader version if applicable]. Retrieved from http://url_to_fulltextitem

One author, electronic book (example):

Smith, A. B. (2009). *Stem cell research* [DX Reader version]. Retrieved from <http://ebooksgalore.edu>

Two authors basic format (print):

Author, A. A. & Author, B. B. (year). *Title of work.* Place of publication: Publisher.

Two authors, print (example):

Fields, H. I. & Farmer, B. A. (2009). *Crop rotation in the San Joaquin Valley.* Fresno, CA: Fresno State University Press.

Two authors basic format (electronic):

Author, A. A. & Author, B. B. (year). *Title of work* [Reader version if applicable]. Retrieved from http://url_to_fulltextitem

Two authors, electronic (example):

Fields, H. I. & Farmer, B. A. (2009). *Crop rotation in the San Joaquin Valley* [Kindle version]. Retrieved from <http://ebooksgalore.edu>

Three to five authors basic format (print):

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., Author, C. C., Author, D. D. & Author, E. E. (year). *Title of work.* Place of publication: Publisher.

Three to five authors, print (example):

Rose, P. A., Strawberry, D. J., Hawthorne, K. L., Lilly, E. L. & Berry, B. A. (2009). *Botany fundamentals.* Chicago, IL: Foresman.

Three to five authors basic format (electronic):

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., Author, C. C., Author, D. D. & Author, E. E. (year). *Title of work* [Reader version if applicable]. Retrieved from http://url_to_fulltextitem

Three to five authors, electronic (example):

Rose, P. A., Strawberry, D. J., Hawthorne, K. L., Lilly, E. L. & Berry, B. A. (2009). *Botany fundamentals.* Retrieved from <http://ebooksgalore.edu>

Six or more authors basic format (print):

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., Author, C. C., Author, D. D., Author, E. E., & Author, F. F. (year). *Title of work.* Place of publication: Publisher.

Six or more author, print (example):

Birch, L. M., Oakes, C. R., Ash, T. R., Palmer, A. B., Maples, S. A., Applegate, S. N., & Lemon, D. A. (2010). *Tree ring evidence of periodic drought in southwestern states.* Albuquerque, NM: Sandia Press.

Six or more authors basic format (electronic):

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., Author, C. C., Author, D. D., Author, E. E., & Author, F. F. (year). *Title of work* [Reader version if applicable]. Retrieved from http://url_to_fulltextitem

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Anonymous author, print (example):

Anonymous. *Improving Study Habits*. (2009) Phoenix, Phlegm Press.

Corporate or Group Author, print (example):

American Psychological Association. (2001). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.). Washington, DC: Author
[Note: “Author” is used for publisher’s name when the author & publisher are same]

Encyclopedia – multivolume, signed article, print (example):

Donnan, P.G. (1998). Rome. In *Encyclopedia Britannica* (15th ed., Vol. 26, pp. 501-508). Chicago, IL: Encyclopedia Britannica.

Encyclopedia, edited – multivolume, signed article, print (example):

Puglizevich, A. S., & Navarro, J. A. (2008). Cross-cultural analysis. In N. T. Marasti (Editor-in-Chief) & R. J. V. Hoyt (Managing Editor), *Encyclopedia of sociology* (2nd ed., Vol. 1, pp. 546-553). New York, NY: Macmillan Reference USA.

Edited book, print (example):

Knight, B. K. and , Moon, K. O. (Eds.) (2010). *Readings on lab rat performance and navigation in multi-level mazes during lunar cycles*. Nutmeg, CT: Bilgewater University Press.

Chapter/Essay/Section in book, print (example):

Looney, R. U. (1985). Intergroup relations. In G. Willikers & E. I. Oh (Eds.), *The handbook of groupthink psychology* (3rd ed., Vol. 2, pp. 599-658). New York, NY: Random House.

Encyclopedia – unsigned article, print (example):

Croatia. (1997). In *The new encyclopedia Britannica: Micropaedia*. Chicago, IL: Encyclopedia Britannica.

Multivolume work – entire work, specific volume, print (examples):

Konik, S., Buchek, N. L., & Cullen, C. B. (1982-1988). *Encyclopedia of statistical sciences* (10 vols.). New York, NY: Olive Press.

Lucas, J., & Robertson, O. (Eds.). (1999). *Encyclopedia of international business: Vol. IV. Africa and the Middle East*. Boston, MA: Commerce Press.

Magazine Articles (APA manual 7.01)

Basic format (print):

Author’s name. (Year, month date). Article title.
Magazine title, vol, pages.

Basic format (electronic):

Author’s name. (Year, month date). Article title.
Magazine title, vol, pages. Retrieved from
http://url_to_full_magazine_article



Magazine article, authored, print (example):

Katona, R. (1998, March). Back from chaos. *Atlantic Monthly, 281*, 41-62.

Magazine article, authored, electronic (example):

Katona, R. (1998, March). Back from chaos. *Atlantic Monthly, 281*, 41-62. Retrieved from
<http://www.someaddress.edu/full>

Basic format, no author:

Article title. (Year, month date). *Magazine title, vol, pages.*

Magazine article, no author, print (example):

Avandia takes a hit but survives. (2010, July 26). *Time, 176*, 16.

Newspaper Articles (APA manual 7.01)

Basic format (print):

Author’s name. (Year, month date). Article title.
Newspaper title, pp. page#.

Basic format (electronic):

Author’s name. (Year, month date). Article title.
Newspaper title, pp. page#. Retrieved from
http://url_to_full_news_article



Daily news article with author, discontinuous pages (example):

Gordon, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post*, pp. A1, A4.

Daily newspaper article, no author, continuous pages (example):

Gulf oil spill takes toll on local fishermen. (2010, July 15). *Biloxi Chronicle*, pp. A2-A3.

Basic format, no author:
Article title. (Year, month date). *Newspaper title, pp. page#.*

Journal Articles (APA manual 6.31 & 7.01)

Basic format (print):

Author's name. (Year of publication). Article title.
Journal title, volume number (issue number),
page numbers.

Scholarly journal article, each issue separately paged, print (example):

King, M. A. & Bishop, I. H. (2008). The geographic expansion of Mexican immigration in the United States and its implications for local law enforcement. *Law Enforcement Executive Forum Journal*, 8 (1), 73-82.

Basic format (with DOI):

Author's name. (Year of publication). Article title.
Journal title, volume number (issue number),
page numbers. doi: #####



Journal article, with DOI (example):

Brownlie, D. (2007). Toward effective poster presentations: An annotated bibliography. *European Journal of Marketing*, 41, 1245-1283.
doi:10.1108/03090560710821161

Basic format (electronic without DOI):

Author's name. (Year of publication). Article title.
Journal title, volume number (issue number),
page numbers. Retrieved from
http://url_to_full_article

Journal article, electronic, without DOI (example):

King, M. A. & Bishop, I. H. (2008). The geographic expansion of Mexican immigration in the United States and its implications for local law enforcement. *Law Enforcement Executive Forum Journal*, 8 (1), 73-82. Retrieved from <http://www.linktoarticle.edu>

Websites, Nonperiodical Web Document, Web Pages, & Blogs (APA manual 6.3 & 7.11)

[Note: To cite an **entire website** it is sufficient to include the website address as an in-text citation only. However, if you reference a specific document or piece of information from the website, then use the format listed below so readers can connect to relevant content.]



Entire website, in-text (example from APA blog):

Gussie Fink-Nottle has set up a discussion forum for newt fanciers (<http://gfnnfg.livejournal.com/>).

Basic Format, web doc or web page (electronic):

Author name(s). (Date of publication). Title of page/article. Retrieved from
<http://www.somesitetcite.com/pageordoc>

Web document, non-periodical (example):

Brown, E. & Orange, U. (2010, May 10). A+ citation examples. Retrieved from <http://www.fakeadress.com/webdocument.htm>

Basic Format, blog (electronic):

Author/Screen name. (Date of publication). Title of post [Post format]. Retrieved from
<http://www.siteadress.com>



Comment on a blog (example from Purdue OWL):

J Dean. (2008, May 7). When the self emerges: Is that me in the mirror? [Web log comment]. Retrieved from <http://www.spring.org.uk/the1strtransport>

Video blog (example from Purdue OWL):

Psychology Video Blog #3 [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqM90eQi5-M>

Interviews & Emails (APA manual 7.10)

[Notes: There will not be a reference entry for non-recoverable interviews and **emails**. If the **interview** was in-person or audio only and not recoverable, then provide an in-text citation only. If the interview can be recovered and is available as an audio file or through a transcript, then you will need to create both an in-text citation and reference entry.]



In-text citations, interview and/or email (examples):

R. M. Smith (personal communication, May 5, 2002)

(J. T. Carpenter, personal communication, May 6, 2002)

Missing some pieces of information you need to complete your citations? Check out this guide from the APA Blog for help: <http://blog.apastyle.org/files/missing-pieces---apa-style-reference-table.pdf>

Basic format, recoverable interview (electronic):

Last name, Initial. (Interviewer) & Last name, Initial. (Interviewee). (Year of interview). *Title of interview* [Accessed medium such as Interview transcript or Audio file]. Retrieved from Name of Collection or Web site: http://www.url_to_file



Recoverable interview, electronic (example):

Holmes, S. (Interviewer) & Watson, R. (Interviewee). (1999). *Deductive logic* [Interview transcript]. Retrieved from Oral Histories of Baker Street Project Web site: <http://www.someaddress.com>

Audiovisual Media & Images (APA manual 7.07)

Basic Format, motion picture:

Producer, A. A. (Producer), & Director, B. B. (Director). (Year). *Title of motion picture* [Motion Picture]. Country of origin: Studio



Video (example from APA manual):

American Psychological Association (Producer). (2000). *Responding therapeutically to patient expressions of sexual attraction* [DVD]. Available from <http://www.apa.org/videos/>

Basic Format, Films on Demand clip (electronic):

Author name. (Year of publication). *Title of clip* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.linktovideo.com>

Films on Demand video clip/segment (example):

Films Media Group. (2000). *Defining and developing your portfolio* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://libproxy.gc.maricopa.edu/login?url=http://digital.films.com/PortalPlaylists.aspx?aid=8949&xtid=11350&loid=20929>

Basic Format, YouTube video (electronic):

Author or screen name. (Date of Publication). *Title of video* [File format]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/linktosegment>



YouTube video (example):

TheHartnessLibrary. (2012, July 25). *APA citation* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://youtu.be/xb950LlwXQM>

Basic Format, images with author (electronic):

Author name (Role of author). (Year of Creation). *Title of work* [Image type]. Retrieved Month Day, Year from http://link_to_image_you_viewed

Photograph, authored, electronic (example from Landmark college):

Kulbis, M. (Photographer). (2006). *Men pray* [Photograph], Retrieved April 12, 2006 from: <http://accuweather.ap.org/cgi-bin/aplaunch.pl>

Basic Format, image no author (electronic):

Title of work [Type of work]. (Year Created). Retrieved Month Day, Year from <http://linktoimage>



Photograph, no author, electronic (example from Landmark college):

Japanese geisha [Photograph]. (2006). Retrieved April 10, 2006 from <http://www.bergoiata.org/fe/divers28/10.htm>

Basic Format, image no author and no title (electronic):

[Subject description and type of work]. (Year Created). Retrieved Month Day, Year from <http://linktoimage>

Photograph, no author, no title, electronic (example):

[Untitled photograph of possible Pollack painting]. (2006). Retrieved November 10, 2012 from <http://www.apimages.com>

****Always refer to your instructor and the manual as final authorities about manuscript preparation, mechanics of style, citing references, etc. ****

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