

APA Style for Citing References

Not all of the examples found in the updated version of the APA Publication Manual will address your questions about how to cite a particular work given the myriad of publication types and derivations of publication information. Please consult with your instructor or a librarian for assistance with citing your references. One of the most important things to remember is to be **consistent!** The overall goal is to give proper credit to the originator of the information (author), and to allow the reader to find the original source for the information. Plagiarism occurs when you write something and essentially claim the idea or concept as your own original thought. Quoting any source in writing or “paraphrasing” an idea without giving credit is plagiarism. This is an “honor code violation.”

References Cited:

All of the works that you have in your reference list must be present in the text of your paper. They should match exactly and include the following elements: author, year of publication, title, and publishing data. However, sometimes a particular type of work may have an element absent or unavailable. Newspaper articles are often published with an unknown author, as are some organization and governmental reports. In most cases, the title is moved to the author position in the citation, but the publisher is used in a smaller number of cases.

General Requirements:

- 1) All citations must have a **“hanging indent.”**
- 2) The Reference list is **double-spaced** between and within each citation..
- 3) The Reference list is alphabetized letter by letter (author).
- 4) **Italicize** book, periodical, and microform titles.
- 5) **Italicize** periodical volume numbers.
- 6) If a reference has 3-5 authors, type out all the authors for the parenthetical citation, then only the first author followed by (**, et al.**) for subsequent references.
- 7) If a reference has 6 or more authors, type out only the first author in the parenthetical citation followed by (**, et al.**). However, in the reference list, provide the names of the first six authors and follow with (**, et al.**)
- 8) For a parenthetical reference, enter the first few words of a title of a work with quotations around, when an author is lacking.

Ex:

(“Study Finds,” 1988, p. 112)

- 9) Quotations directly from another author's work should be reproduced **“word for word.”**
- 10) Quotations **require** page or paragraph numbers in the citations and “paraphrasing” ideas do not. However, it is encouraged to help the reader locate the original source.
- 11) APA has adopted the “Parenthetical Reference” style of citing sources

Ex:

Principals are returning to school near the same frequency as classroom teachers (Holliman & Jacobs, 2003, p. 89).

If the author's name is included in the narrative use the date and page numbers only, parenthetically.

Ex:

Holliman and Jacobs indicate that principals are returning to school almost as often as classroom teachers (2003, p. 89).

Citation Examples:

Periodical, One Author (Print)

Haskins, D. S. (2001, Winter). Correlating reading comprehension and writing intensive courses in high school. *Harvard Educational Review*, 145(4), 112-118.

Journal Article, Two Authors (Print)

Harden, K. M., & Turner, L. (1999, Spring). Evaluation of library reference services using the RTAI survey instrument. *College & Research Libraries*, 65(2), 54-58.

ERIC Document from the Educational Resources Information Clearinghouse (Print)

Carbonell, C. L. (2003). *Attention deficit hyperactive disorder: Alternative treatment plans for school age children with ADHD*. (Report No., if present). San Rafael, CA: (ERIC Document Reproduction Services No. ED481550).

Newspaper Article, No Author (Print)

Maryland school systems are taking on the issue of cell phone usage on school property.

(2004, June 7). *Baltimore Sun*, pp. A8, A10.

Report Available from the Government Printing Office, Government Institute as Author (Print)

United States Department of Commerce. (2001). *U. S. falls behind European Union countries in per capita spending for information technology*. (DOC Publications No. ADM 95-1252).

Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Proceedings of Meetings & Symposia (Print)

Haversham, D., & Reed, J. (2000). Integrating information technology and curricula in undergraduate institutions. In *Crossing the Divide: Proceedings of the 10th National Conference of ACRL* (pp. 213-225). Chicago: ALA Publications.

Doctoral Dissertations and Master's Theses

Griffin, J. L. (1993). The Influence of weekly news readership and demographics on West German attitudes toward the United States and the Soviet Union 1983-1988 (Media Effects). *Dissertation Abstracts International*, 52(01), 530B. (UMI No. 9211285)

Book, Third Edition (Print)

Rubenburg, C. A. (1986). *Israel and the American national interest: A Critical examination* (3rd ed.). Chicago and Urbana: University of Illinois Press.

Edited Book (Print)

Rossey, C. A. (Ed.). (1999). *Fundamentals of social science research*. London: Basnight Publishing, Inc.

Article or Chapter in an Edited Book, two editors (Print)

Michaels, D. S. (1995). Information retrieval in a command-driven environment. In T. M. Moss (Editor), *Information technology in library science* (pp. 224-247). Princeton, NJ: Wyle Publishing.

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Samuels, B.W., Ricketts, D. A., & Manning, G. S. (2000, March). Correlating prejudice and education level. *Journal of Social Research*, 49(3), 38-46. Retrieved May 2, 2001, from Social Science Index database.

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Morse, D. A, & Figgins, C. R. (2004, Summer). *Elementary school students learn the rudiments of phonics*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the National Association of Educational Researchers (NAER), Seattle, Washington. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED667443). Retrieved June 14, 2006, from ERIC database.

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Reynolds, W. L. (2001, Winter). Behavior disorders and classroom management in the elementary school setting. *Educational Psychology Review*, 21(1), 77-84. Retrieved October 15, 2006, from ERIC database.

Internet Article Based on a Print Source (single electronic journal subscription)

Greene, R. W., Berszertzey, S. K., Katzenstein, T., Park, K., & Goring, J. (2002, Summer). Are students with ADHD more stressful to teach? Patterns of teacher stress in an elementary school sample [Electronic version]. *Journal of Emotional & Behavioral Disorders*, 10(2), 79-89.

Journal Article from PsycINFO Database

Hinshaw, S.P., and Hall, T. (2002, October). Preadolescent girls with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: I. Background characteristics, comorbidity, cognitive and social functioning, and parenting practices. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 70(5), 1086-1098. Retrieved March, 17, 2007, from PsycINFO database.*

Article in an Internet-Only Journal

Piper, O. H. (2000). Basis for the Palestinian claim to lands in modern Israel. *European Journal of International Law, 5*, Article 00221. Retrieved April 7, 2002, from <http://www.yale.edu/journal/vol5/00221.html>

Document Available on a University Program or Department Web Site

Walker, H. S. (2003). *Teacher recruitment among U. S. states in 2003*. Retrieved June 11, 2003, from Wayne State University School of Education Web site: <http://www.waynetate.edu/education/publications/recruitment.html>

Data File, available from a Government Agency

National Health Interview Survey--Current health topics: 1991--Longitudinal study of aging (Version 4) [Data file]. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics.

Data File, Available from the NTIS Web Site

Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics. (1995). *National Health Provider Inventory: Substance abuse treatment centers in the United States, 1995* [Data file]. Available from National Technical Information Service Web site, <http://www.ntis.gov>

