

APA Style Guide for References

Examples are based on the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th ed. (REF BF 76.7 .P83 2010) Numbers in parentheses below refer to sections in the *Manual*.

General Guidelines for APA Style

- If you cannot find all the information shown in an example, **cite what is available**.
- Use a **hanging indent** and **double spacing** throughout the reference list.
- Arrange entries in reference list in **alphabetical order** by the last name of the first author.
- End citations for print sources with a **period**, omit the final period for electronic sources.
- Indicate the **URL** or **DOI** for electronic books and articles. (See below for more information)

Books

Basic APA Format for a Print (Hardcopy) Book (7.02)

Author Last Name, Initial(s). (Publication date). *Title of book*. Place of publication: Publisher.

Book with One or Two Authors (7.02.18)

Anthony, M. & Lindert, R. (2010). *Little girls can be mean: Four steps to bully-proof girls in the early grades*. New York, NY: St. Martin's Griffin.

Edited Book (7.02)

Snarr, T. & Snarr, N. (Eds.). (2012). *Introducing global issues*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner.

Book Chapter (7.02.25)

Becker, J. (2011). Medication. In R. Miller & P.W. Co. (Eds.), *Diagnosis: Schizophrenia* (pp. 78-96). New York, NY: Columbia.

Reference Book (7.02.27)

Burroughs, A. (Ed.). (2012). *Stedman's medical dictionary for the health professions and nursing* (Ill. 7th ed.). Philadelphia, PA: Wolters Kluwer.

Entry in a Reference Book with a named author (7.02)

Sylvia, S. J. (2012). The folktale. In M. E. Charles (Ed.), *Critical survey of short fiction: Topical essays* (pp. 49-52). Ipswich, MA: Salem.

Entry in a Reference Book without a named author- (use title of entry or article) (7.02)

Empiricism. (2007). In G. R. VandenBos (Ed.), *APA dictionary of psychology* (p. 328). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Format for an Electronic Book (E-book) (7.02.20)

For electronic books found online, use the basic APA format for a print book (exclude place of publication and publisher) AND add on the retrieval information in the form of a URL as follows:

Author Last Name, Initials. (Publication date). *Title*. Retrieved from URL

Crossley, N. (2011). *Towards relational sociology*. Retrieved from <http://www.ebscohost.com>

Wilkins, G. G. (2013). Code of ethics for nurses. In B. Narins (Ed.), *The Gale encyclopedia of nursing and allied health* (3rd ed., Vol. 2, pp. 797-799). Retrieved from: <http://go.galegroup.com>

Periodicals: Journals, Magazines, and Newspapers

Basic APA Format for an Article from a Print (Hardcopy) Periodical (7.01)

Author Last Name, Initials. (Date). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, volume (issue), page numbers.

Journal Article (7.01.3)

Zhang, L. (2008). Thinking styles and identity development among Chinese university students. *American Journal of Psychology*, 121(2), 255-271.

Magazine Article (7.01.7)

Helgoe, L. (2010, September/October). Revenge of the introvert. *Psychology Today*, 43(5), 54-61.

Newspaper Article (7.01.10)

DeBaise, C., Maltby, E., & Needleman, S.E. (2010, November 15). Parent & child Inc. *The Wall Street Journal*, p. R1.

Format for Articles from Electronic Periodicals (found online or in an electronic database) (7.01)

If the Article has a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) (7.01.1)

The digital object identifier (DOI) is a unique ID consisting of numbers and letters that will locate an article no matter where it is posted on the web. Include the DOI when it is available. See section 6.31 in *APA Manual* for more information.

Author Last Name, Initial(s), additional authors in same format (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, Volume number (Issue number if available), page number(s). doi:XX.XXXXXXXXXX

Sandfort, T.G., Bos, H.M., & Collier, K.L. (2010). School environment and the mental health of sexual minority youths: A study among Dutch young adolescents. *Journal of Public Health*, 100(9), 1696-1700.
doi:10.2105/AJPH.2009.183095

If the Article does not have a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) (7.01.3)

Use the same APA format for the print version of the article AND end the citation with the periodical's web site URL, even if you found the article in a database. You may have to use Google or other search tool to find the journal title information on the web.

For example, an article from the journal *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy* is cited as follows:

Brown, J. (2010). Psychotherapy integration: Systems theory and self-psychology. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 36(4), 472-486. Retrieved from <http://www.jmft.net/>

Websites and Personal Communications

Website

When a document is on multiple pages, link to the *home page* for the document.

Author Last Name, Initial(s). (Publication date/year). *Title of site/document*. Retrieved from URL

National Park Service. (2008, February 11). *Abraham Lincoln's birthplace*. Retrieved from <http://www.nps.gov/abli/>

Personal Communications (e-mail, personal interview, telephone conversation) (6.20)

APA style does **not** allow personal communications in a References page. Instead, cite the source **in the text** of your paper like this:

J. M. Smith (personal communication, February 16, 2010) suggested that the best way to do something was to....