

# APA STYLE GUIDE

## REFERENCES

### COMMONLY REFERENCED MATERIALS

Based on the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association – 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Need more help? – Ask a librarian in person or through instant messaging at the library Web site.

### **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.