

## APA Style

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The American Psychological Association (APA) style, as presented in this handout, is widely accepted in the Social Sciences. The APA citation format requires citation within the text rather than endnotes or footnotes. In text citations usually include the name of the author and the date of publication so as to lead the reader to the accompanying bibliographical entry found in the "References" section which is placed at the end of the research paper. Complete information about each source cited in the text is supplied in the "References" list.



For more detailed information you need to consult the American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. (Ref 150.149 Am35b). and for electronic sources, the APA style blog (<http://blog.apastyle.org/>).

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### In Text Citation

In the text of a research paper, if the author's name is part of the narrative, include only the year of publication in the parentheses.

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If citing a particular page or chapter of a document, include that information in the parentheses.

(Smith, 1998, p. 203)

(Smith, 1998, Chapter 3)

**At the end of the paper, in a section called "References," this entry is included in correct alphabetical order (APA 6.25), together with other entries for works cited:**

Smith, P. (1998). Learning to cite using APA Style. *Journal of College Writing*, 6, 605-613.

**For multiple authors:**

**Table 6.1.** Basic Citation Styles

Type of citation	First citation in text	Subsequent citation in text	Parenthetical format, first citation in text	Parenthetical format, subsequent citations in text
One work by one author	Walker (2007)	Walker (2007)	(Walker, 2007)	(Walker, 2007)
One work by two authors	Walker and Allen (2004)	Walker and Allen (2004)	(Walker & Allen, 2004)	(Walker & Allen, 2004)
One work by three authors	Bradley, Ramirez, and Soo (1999)	Bradley et al. (1999)	(Bradley, Ramirez, & Soo, 1999)	(Bradley et al., 1999)
One work by four authors	Bradley, Ramirez, Soo, and Walsh (2006)	Bradley et al. (2006)	(Bradley, Ramirez, Soo, & Walsh, 2006)	(Bradley et al., 2006)
One work by five authors	Walker, Allen, Bradley, Ramirez, and Soo (2008)	Walker et al. (2008)	(Walker, Allen, Bradley, Ramirez, & Soo, 2008)	(Walker et al., 2008)
One work by six or more authors	Wasserstein et al. (2005)	Wasserstein et al. (2005)	(Wasserstein et al., 2005)	(Wasserstein et al., 2005)
Groups (readily identified through abbreviation) as authors	National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH, 2003)	NIMH (2003)	(National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH], 2003)	(NIMH, 2003)
Groups (no abbreviation) as authors	University of Pittsburgh (2005)	University of Pittsburgh (2005)	(University of Pittsburgh, 2005)	(University of Pittsburgh, 2005)

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**If there is no author, use the first few words of the reference list entry (usually the title) in the citation in the text. If it is the title of an article or chapter use quotation marks; if it is the title of a book use Italics.**

In the Reference List

New drug appears to sharply cut risk of death from heart failure. (1993, July 15). *The Washington Post*. p. A12.

In the Text:

(“New drug,” 1993)

**Electronic Citations in Text:**

Cite electronic resources in the text as you would other documents (see above). However if citing a particular part of a document which has no page numbers, include the paragraph (para.) or section heading with the number of the paragraph.

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(Myers, 2000, para. 5)  
(Beutler, 2000, Conclusion section, para.1)

**Citation of a work discussed in a secondary source (APA 6.17).**

In general it is expected that you seek out and use the original source of the information. However, this is not always practical. To cite a secondary source, do the following.

In the Text:

Seidenberg and McClelland’s study (as cited in Coltheart, Curtis, Atkins, & Haller, 1993)

**Note:** You will list the Coltheart reference in the reference list.

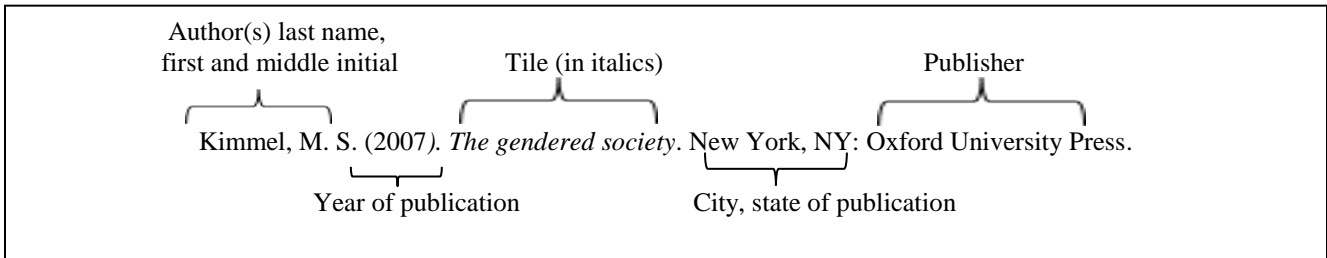
**Creating a Reference List at the End of Your Paper (APA Chap. 7)**

**Remember:** All references in your list must be double spaced both between references and within references.

**Books and eBooks (APA7.02)**

**Books:**

By a Single Author



By Two or More Authors

DiFonzo, N., & Bordia, P. (2007). *Rumor psychology: Social and organizational approaches*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

By a Corporate (Group) Author

American Sociological Association. (1975). *Approaches to the study of social structure*. New York, NY: Free Press.

Edited Book

Rhodewalt, F. (Ed.). (2008). *Personality and social behavior*. New York, NY: Psychology Press.

No Author

*The universal declaration of human rights.* (1974). Washington, DC: U.S. Catholic Conference, Division of Latin America.

**Electronic Books:**

Book from a database:

Jones, J. M., Dovidio, J. F., & Vietze, D. L. (2014). *The psychology of diversity: Beyond prejudice and racism.* Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell. Retrieved from the ebrary database.

**Note:** APA is inconsistent with its rules for citing electronic sources; it sometimes says, “Use this format: Retrieved from <http://www.XXXXXXXXXX>” (APA 7.01) other times it says, “Retrieved from Name of database.” (APA 7.01, Ex 17 & APA 7.05). For consistency and considering that all database url’s are not stable, the library recommends, “Retrieved from Name of database” but either would be correct.

Book from a website:

Sanger, M. (1920). *Woman and the new race.* Retrieved from <http://www.bartleby.com/1013/>.

**Articles/Chapters in Books**

Levi-Strauss, C. (1971). Totem and caste. In F. E. Katz (Ed.), *Contemporary sociological theory* (pp. 82-89). New York, NY: Random House.

**Article, entry, or chapter from an online reference book (Encyclopedia, dictionary, handbook):**

Online:

Fraley, R. C. (2007). Attachment theory. In R. F. Baumeister & K.. D. Vohs (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of social psychology.* Retrieved from Sage e-Reference.

Reciprocity. (n.d.) In *The Oxford English Dictionary.* Retrieved from the Oxford English Dictionary Online.

Print:

Shevell, S. K. (2000). Color vision. In A. E. Kasdin (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of psychology* (Vol.2, pp.182-186). Oxford, England: Oxford University Press.

Latent learning. (2007). In G. R. VandenBos (Ed.), *APA dictionary of psychology* (p. 524). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

**ERIC Documents:**

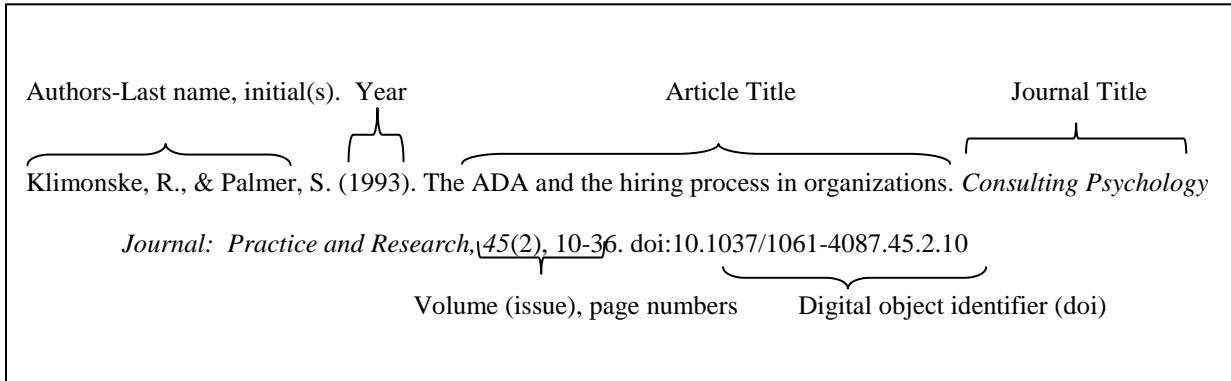
Online:

Mead, J. V. (1992). *Looking at old photographs: Investigating the teacher tales that novice teachers bring with them* (Report No. NCRTL-RR-92-4). East Lansing, MI: National Center for Research on Teacher Learning. Retrieved from the ERIC database. (ED346082)

Print:

Apthorp, H. S. (2000). *Dimensions of learning evaluation for Kirkland School District.* Aurora, CO: Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning. (ED449185)

## Journal Articles (APA 7.01)



### Article with DOI:

Borman, W. C., Hanson, M. A., Oppler, S. H., Pulakos, E. D., & White, L. A. (1993). Role of early supervisory experience in supervisor performance. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 78, 443-449. doi:10.1037.0021-9010.78.3.443

### \*Article without DOI:

Scroggins, W. A., Thomas, S. L., & Morris, J. A. (2008). Psychological testing in personnel selection, Part II: The refinement of methods and standards in employee selection. *Public Personnel Management*, 37(2), 185-199. Retrieved from Academic OneFile database.

**NOTE:** For print articles, omit doi or database name.

### **One author, journal paginated by volume**

Mellers, B. A. (2000). Choice and the relative pleasure of consequences. *Psychological Bulletin*, 126, 910-924. doi:10.1037/0033-2909.127.1.44

### **Two or more authors (up to seven authors), journal paginated by issue:**

Klimonske, R., & Palmer, S. (1993). The ADA and the hiring process in organizations. *Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research*, 45(2), 10-36. doi:10.1037/1061-4087.45.2.10

**Note:** If an article has more than seven authors, list the first 6 authors and then after the sixth author's name and initial, use "... " and then the last name and first initials of the last author.

Wolchik, S. A., West, S. G., Sandler, I. N., Tein, J., Coatsworth, D., Lengua, L.,... Jones, H.

### **Article in an Internet-only journal:**

Campbell, A. (2007). Emotional intelligence, coping and psychological distress: A partial least squares approach to developing a predictive model. *E-Journal of Applied Psychology*, 3 (2), 39-54. Retrieved from <http://ojs.lib.swin.edu.au/index.php/ejap/article/view/91/117>.

### **Book Review, published in a journal**

Lachkar, J. J. (2015). Stories we tell ourselves: Mentalizing tales of dating and marriage, [Review of the book *Stories we tell ourselves: Mentalizing tales of dating and marriage*]. *Psychoanalytic Psychology* 32(3), 548-552. doi: 10.1037/a0038917

**Electronic copy of an abstract obtained from a secondary database:**

Fournier, M., de Ridder, D., & Bensing, J. (1999). Optimism and adaptation to multiple sclerosis: What does optimism mean? *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 22, 303-326. Abstract retrieved from PsycINFO database.

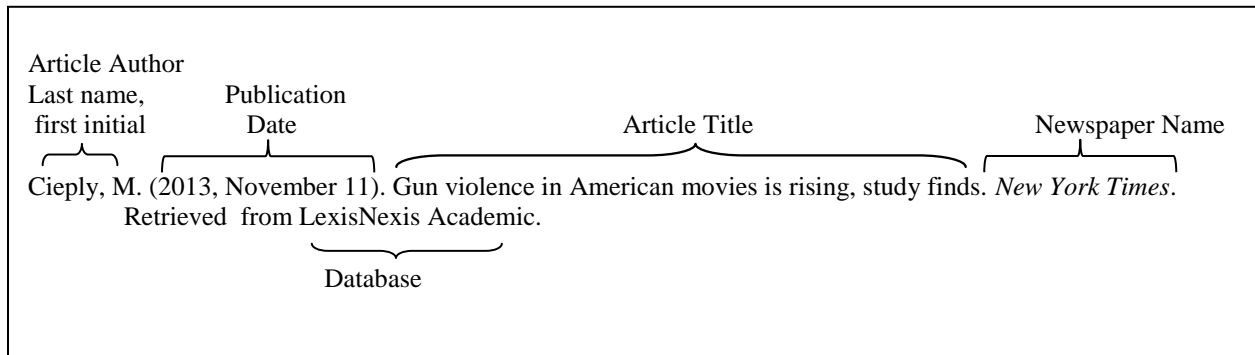
Klassen, R. M. (2004). A cross-cultural investigation of the efficacy beliefs of South Asian immigrant and Anglo Canadian nonimmigrant early adolescents. *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 96, 731-742. Abstract retrieved from the ERIC database. (EJ685035).

**Newspaper and Magazine Articles (APA 7.01)**

**Newspaper Article**

Online:

From a database:



From a website-no author:

It's Subpoena Time. (2007, June 8). *New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

Print:

Jones, S. (1997, October 19). Hit-and-run suspect commits suicide. *New York Times*, p. 17.

**Editorials, & Letters to the Editor**

Treatment, not jail, for the mentally ill [Editorial]. (2013, February 1). *New York Times*. Retrieved from LexisNexis Academic

Johnston, J. (2013, November 22). Certified science teachers are in short supply [Letter to the Editor]. *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. Retrieved from LexisNexis Academic

**Magazine Article:**

Online:

From a database:

Kluger, J. (2010, November 1). Keeping Young Minds Healthy. *Time*, 176(18), 40-50. Retrieved from Readers' Guide Full Text Mega.

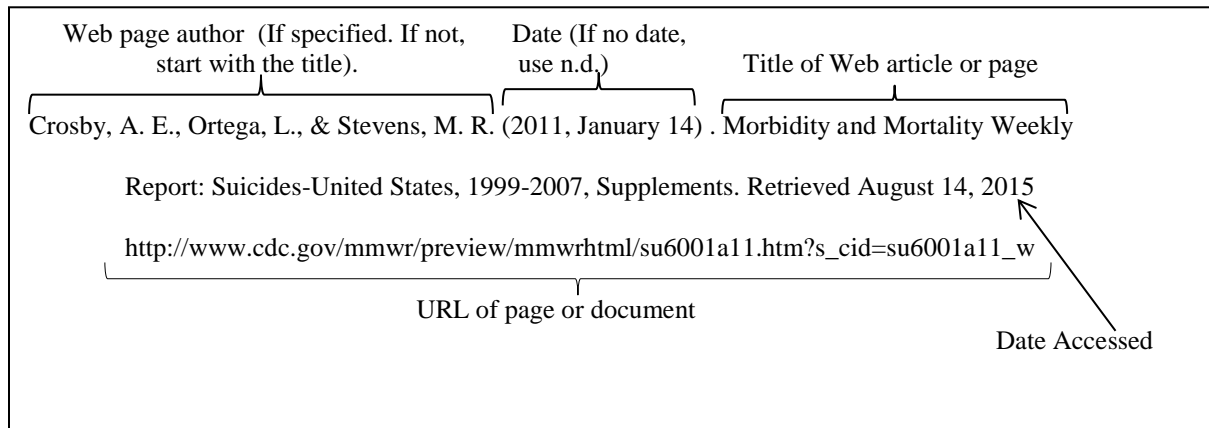
From a website:

Heid, M. (2015, August 12). You asked: Why do I blush so much? *Time.com*. Retrieved from <http://time.com/3992760/blush-blushing/>

Print:

Lemonick, M. D. (1997, August 25). Spare the rod? Maybe. *Time*, 150(8), 65-66.

## Web Sources (APA 7.03 – 7.04 & APA Style Blog)



**A document on a Web site:**

Author and date provided:

Crosby, A. E., Ortega, L., & Stevens, M. R. (2011, January 14). Morbidity and mortality weekly report: Suicides-United States, 1999-2007, supplements. Retrieved August 14, 2015 [http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/su6001a11.htm?s\\_cid=su6001a11\\_w](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/su6001a11.htm?s_cid=su6001a11_w)

Organization name as author:

National Institutes of Mental Health. (2015, May). Anxiety disorders. Retrieved August 14, 2015 from <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/anxiety-disorders/index.shtml>.

No Author or date; stand-alone document:

*GVU's 8th WWW user survey*. (n.d.). Retrieved August 8, 2000, from <http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/usersurveys/survey1997-10/>

**Blog posts (APA 7.11):**

Selingo, J. (2014, June 22). Reimagining the undergraduate experience: 4 provocative ideas. [Web log post]. Retrieved from <http://chronicle.com/blogs/next/2014/06/22/reimagining-the-undergraduate-experience-4-provocative-ideas/>

Tarade09. (n.d.) Reimagining the undergraduate experience: 4 provocative ideas. [Web log comment]. Retrieved from <http://chronicle.com/blogs/next/2014/06/22/reimagining-the-undergraduate-experience-4-provocative-ideas/>

**Note:** In the first example the blogger uses his/her full name. In the comment, the commenter uses a screen name. If a full name is not given, use the screen name.

## Email Communications:

Email communications should be cited as personal communications in the text only (no reference necessary) in the following format:

R. J. Smith (personal communication, August 15, 2015)

## Other Sources

### Test Reviews (APA 7.08)

#### Online

Newmann, D. L., & Rust, J. O. (1989). [Review of the test *A.S.S.E.T.S—A survey of students educational talents and skills*]. In J. C. Conoley & J. J. Kramer (Eds.), *The tenth mental measurements yearbook*. Retrieved from EBSCO Mental Measurement Yearbook database.

#### Print

Sandoval, J. (2003). [Review of the test *Woodcock-Johnson III*]. In B. S. Plake, J. C. Impara, & R. A. Spies (Eds.), *The fifteenth mental measurements yearbook* (pp. 1024-1028). Lincoln, NE: Buros Institute of Mental Measurements

\*Dates of Mental Measurements Yearbooks: 9th-1985; 10th-1989; 11th-1992; 12th-1995; 13th-1998; 14th-2001; 15th-2003; 16th-2005; 17th-2007.

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### Video (APA 7.07)

#### DVD or VHS:

Uniview Worldwide (Producer) & Staveley-Taylor, H. (Director) (2006). *Introduction to designing experiments* [DVD]. Available from <http://cambridge.films.com/>

#### Streaming Online:

From a database:

BBC (Producer). (2014). *Living with autism*. [Streaming Video]. Retrieved from Films on Demand database.

From a Web site:

TEDx Talks (Producer). (2013). *The psychology of self-motivation. Scott Geller TEDxVirginiaTech*. [Streaming Video]. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sxpKhIbr0E>.



## Dissertations or Theses (APA 7.05)

### Electronic copy of a thesis or dissertation from a database:

Rockey, R. (2008). *An observational study of pre-service teachers' classroom management strategies*. Retrieved from Proquest Dissertations and Theses database. (AAT 3303545)

Many of the citations given in this handout were culled from the American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. (Ref 150.149 Am35b). If you have trouble finding the right form for your citation, please ask a reference librarian for help.

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