

APA Citation

References

Concise rules of APA style. (2005). Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association. **REF 808.06615 Con**

Important APA Rules

- A citation credits the resources that helped you write the paper and leads your teacher or other interested readers directly to the same resources you used.
- APA style is often used to document sources for papers in the social sciences (psychology, anthropology, geography).
- Your list should be entitled References. Centre the title, do not underline, bold or increase the font.
- Single space your list (your teacher may prefer double-spacing) and indent the second and following lines 5-7 spaces.
- Alphabetize by author, interfiling books, articles and other materials.
- The last name of all authors appears first followed by the first name initial(s), i.e. Porter, K. A.
- Only capitalize the first word of the title and the first word of the subtitle. The title should be italicized, not underlined.

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Examples of Print Resources

Book with one author

Author, A. (2006). *Title of the book: Subtitle of the book.*
Location: Publisher.

Book with two authors

Author, A. & Author, B. B. (2006). *Title of the book.* Location:
Publisher.

Book with many authors

- the first six authors must be listed; remaining authors can be abbreviated as **et al.**

Author, A., Author, B. B., Author, C. C., Author, D. D., Author, E.,
Author, F. F., et al. (2006). *Title of book.* Location: Publisher.

Book with no author

- the title moves to the author position

Title of book. (2006). Location: Publisher.

Edited book

Editor, A., & Editor, B. B. (Eds.). (2006). *Title of work.* Location:
Publisher.

Book with different editions

Author, A. (2006). *Title of the book.* (3rd ed.). Location: Publisher.

Encyclopedia articles with / without an author

Author, A. (2006). *Title of entry.* In *Title of encyclopedia* (Vol. 1,
p. 15). Location: Publisher.

Title of encyclopedia (3rd ed., Vols. 1-2). (2006). Location:
Publisher.

Government publications

Name of Ministry or Government Department. (2006). *Title of
work.* (Publication No. xx). Location: Publisher.

Newspaper & magazine articles

Author, A. (2006, January 24). Title of article. *Title of newspaper*, D1, D9.

Author, A. (2006). Title of article. *Title of magazine or journal*, 48, 555-556.

Motion Picture

Producer, A. (Producer), & Director, A. (Director). (2006). *Title of movie* [Motion Picture]. Canada: Name of Movie Studio.

Examples of Online Resources

- a URL/ web address can be broken after a slash
- if the website is not dated, indicate **n.d.** for no date

Internet sites with/ without author

Author, A. (2006, July). *Title of work*. Retrieved January 24, 2006, from <http://www.citation.com>

Title of site. (n.d.). Retrieved January 24, 2006, from <http://www.reallylongwebaddressescanbebrokenafteraslash/andrestartedonthenextline.com>.

Article from an online encyclopedia or periodical

Author, A. (2006). Title of article. *Title of encyclopedia or periodical*, volume number, 556-557. Retrieved June 1, 2006, from <http://www.encyclopedia.com>

Article from a Database

Author, A. (2006). Title of article [Electronic version]. *Title of periodical*, xx, 555-556. Retrieved January 24, 2006, from EBSCOHost database.

Examples of Quotations

Paraphrasing an author

They found APA style to be an important tool (Author, 2006)

Paraphrasing an author but using their name in the text

According to Smith (2006), APA is an important tool.

Multiple authors

- The first reference to a book with 3-5 authors should list the last names of all authors followed by the date, i.e. (Smith, Smith, Smith, 2006). Subsequent references should give the first author's last name followed by et al and the date.
- 6 or more authors should list only the first author's last name, followed by et al and the date, i.e. (Smith et al, 2006).
- If the idea is attributable to more than one reference, place the authors in alphabetical order and separate by a semi-colon, i.e. (Author, 2006; Author, 2004; Author, 2006)

Quoting an author, using their name in the text

According to Smith (2006), the style was effective: "It is understood that following APA will lead to a correct References list" (p. 15).

Quoting part of a statement, using the author's name

According to Smith (2006), APA will lead "... to a correct References list" (p. 15).

Quoting an author without using their name in the text

The study showed that "the APA style was effective in all cases" (Author, 2006, p. 15).

Block quote

Smith (2006) states:

If the quote is forty or more words long, you must block the quote. Indent the left margin by tabbing once, and then type the quote, single-spaced. Do not indent right margin. Do NOT use quotation marks when you block. (p. 118).



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