APA Citation Samples

This handout shows how to cite different kinds of sources in APA format with formulas for elements of citations, and with examples.

Authors

Authors are listed in different ways, depending on how many there are for each source.

One author

Last name first, followed by author initials.

DeYoung, T. J.

Two

Last names and initials. Use the “&” symbol instead of “and.”

Chilwack, B. T., & Prefontaine, R. E.

Three to seven

Last names and initials, commas after each author name, and the “&” before the final author.

Sernis, M. H., Kornell, D. P., Bun, C. R., Cherry, A., Barlow, T., & Bachman, J. S.

More than seven

Include the first six authors listed, replace the extras with “. . . “, then provide the final author’s name. There should be no more than seven names.


Johnson, L. H.
The following examples use a single author. Use the guidelines above for multiple authors.

**Books**

**Printed books**

**Format:**

Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle*. Location: Publisher.

**Example:**


**Printed books, one editor [multiple editors follow the same form as authors]**

**Format:**

Editor, E. E. (Ed.). (Year of publication). *Title of work*. City of publication: Publisher.

**Example:**


**Electronic Version of Print Books**

**Format:**

Last name, and Initials. (Year or n.d. if no date is given). *Title of work: Capital letter for first word in subtitle*. Retrieved from http://www...
Example:


**Journal and Magazine Articles**

Electronic journal and magazine articles from a subscription database

**Format:**

Last name, and Initials. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal or Magazine, volume #*(issue #), page numbers. doi: 0000000/000000000000

**Example:**


Printed journal articles with a volume number

**Format:**


**Example:**


Printed journal articles with volume and issue numbers

**Format:**

Example:


**Newspaper Articles**

**Printed newspaper articles**

**Format:**

Last name, Initials. (Publication year, Month and Day). Article title. *Title of Newspaper*, Page range, OR total pages.

**NOTE:** Unlike other periodicals, p. or pp. precedes page numbers for a newspaper reference in APA style. Single pages take p., e.g., p. B2; multiple pages take pp., e.g., pp. B2, B4 or pp. C1, C3-C4.

*Example:*


**Electronic newspaper articles from a subscription database**

**Format:**

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*. Retrieved from

http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/

*Example:*

Encyclopedia and Dictionary Articles

Electronic encyclopedia and dictionary articles, no author

Format:


Example


Printed encyclopedia articles, signed and unsigned

Format:

Last name, Initials. (Publication year). Title of article. In Title of Encyclopedia (Volume #, page-range). City: Publisher.

Example:


Web Sources

Web sites or pages

Format:


Examples:

http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthemove/index.html


Other examples are available at http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/07/

For a complete list of citations for sources not listed here, please consult the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th edition), available in the PCC Library.

A DOI (digital object identifier), if available, is preferable to a URL for electronic sources. The format is either doi:xxxxx or Retrieved from http://Web address at the end of an entry

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