



Guide for Citing Resources — APA Style

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General rules: • Title the list "References." • List the items **alphabetically** by **author**, interfiling books, articles, etc. If no author is given, start with the title. • Single space **all** lines and indent the second and following lines 5 spaces (or 1/2 inch). • Skip a line between entries. • **Book and article titles:** capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle. • **Journal, magazine, and newspaper titles:** capitalize all significant words in the title.

Author rules: • Use only the initials of the authors' first and middle names. • Basic format one author: Authorlast, Firstinitials. • Basic format 2-5 authors: Authorlast, Firstinitials., & Authorlast, Firstinitials. • Basic format more than 5 authors: Provide the first five authors' names and abbreviate remaining authors as et al. (not italicized and with a period after "al")
Ex: Wolchik, S. A., West, S. G., Sandler, I. N., Tein, J., Coatsworth, D., Lengua, L., et al.

Book

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Firstinitials. (Year of Publication). *Title of book*. Place of Publication: Publisher.

—Ex. Gleick, J. (1987) *Chaos: Making a new science*. New York: Penguin Books.

Electronic book (eBook)

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Firstinitials. (Year of Publication). *Title of book*. Retrieved from *Name of eBook site*.

—Ex. Black, J. (2002). *Britain as a military power, 1688-1815*. Retrieved from *NetLibrary* database.

For entries within an encyclopedia or dictionary, see 'Articles'.



Web Information*

If you cannot find some of the required information, cite what is available. If the date the page was created is not given, use (n.d.).

Entire Website

—Basic Format

According to APA Style.org's Frequently Asked Questions, "When citing an entire Web site, it is sufficient to give the address of the site **in just the text**."

—Example (in-text)

Kidspych is a wonderful interactive web site for children (<http://www.kidspych.org>).

Specific page within a Website

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Firstinitials. (Date of Posting/Update). Title of webpage. Retrieved Month Day, Year from <http://URL>

If no author is given, start with the title and then the date.

—Example

New child vaccine gets funding boost. (2001). Retrieved March 21, 2007, from http://news.ninemsn.com.au/health/story_13178.asp

Article from an Online Newspaper

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Firstinitials. (Year, Month Day) Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*. Retrieved Month Day, Year from <http://URL>

—Example

Hauser, C. (2007, November 18) Democrats outline plans to improve environment. *The New York Times Online*. Retrieved December 21, 2007 from <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/11/18/us/politics/18forum.html>

Document from a Website

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Firstinitials. (Date of Posting/Update). *Title of document*. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from Title of Website's Web site: <http://URL>

—Example

Engelshcall, R. S. (1997). *Apache HTTP server version 1.3 documentation*. Retrieved March 10, 2007, from Apache's Web site: http://www.apache.org/docs/1.3/mod/mod_rewrite.html

* For articles from library databases, see 'Articles'.



Articles — Print

Scholarly Journal

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Firstinitials. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, *Volume*(Issue), pages.

—Example

Gindlesberger, D., Schragger, S., & Johnson, S. (2007). What's the best treatment for gestational diabetes? *Journal of Family Practice*, *56*(9), 757-759.

Magazine

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Firstinitials. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Magazine*, *Volume*(Issue), pages.

—Example

Rice, L. J. (2007, August). The greener, the better. *Ebony*, *62*(10), 14-15.

—Example (no author)

The blood business. (1992, September 11). *Time*, *97*, 47-48.

Newspaper

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Firstinitials. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, p. pages.

—Example

Balz, D., & Eilperin, J. (2007, October 13). A world of respect for Gore. *The Hartford Courant*, pp. A1, A6.

Encyclopedia/Dictionary Entry

—Basic Format

Editorlast, Firstinitials. (Year). Entryname. In *Title of encyclopedia or dictionary* (Vol. #, pp. #). Place of Publication: Publisher.

—Example

Borgatta, E. F. (2000). Cognitive consistency theories. In *Encyclopedia of sociology* (Vol. 1, pp. 334-342). New York: Macmillan.

If the paging of an article is continued elsewhere in the issue, include all page numbers, and separate the numbers with a comma (e.g., pp. B1, B3, B5-B7).



Articles — From a Library Database

If you cannot find some of the required information, cite what is available.

Scholarly Journal

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Firstinitials. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, *Volume*(Issue), pages. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from Database Name database.

—Example

Leary, F. (1996). Robespierre: The meaning of virtue. *Virginia Quarterly Review* *72*(1), 104. Retrieved December 11, 2007, from Academic Search Premier database.

Magazine

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Firstinitials. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Magazine*, *Volume*(Issue), pages. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from Database Name database.

—Example

Rice, L. J. (2007, August). The greener, the better. *Ebony*, *62*(10), 14-15. Retrieved December 11, 2007, from Expanded Academic ASAP database.

Newspaper

—Basic Format

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—Example

Hauser, C. (2003, November 18). Candidates outline plans to improve environment. *New York Times*, p. 33. Retrieved December 10, 2007, from Newspaper Source database.

Encyclopedia/Dictionary Entry

—Basic Format

Editorlast, Firstinitials. (Year). Entryname. In *Title of encyclopedia or dictionary*. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from Database Name database.

If no editor is given, start with the title and then the date.

—Example

Personality disorder. (2007). In *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Retrieved December 31, 2007, from Encyclopaedia Britannica Online database.