



APA Citation Methods

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What is APA?

- ♣ **American Psychological Association**
- ♣ A method of citing references
 - Parenthetical citations in text
 - References page

Parenthetical Citations

♣ One Author

- Reference in text
 - Last name (year of publication)
 - Rowling (2005) argues for the development of new curricula.
- No reference in text
 - (Last name of author, copyright year).
 - The development of new curricula has been argued before (Rowling, 2005).

♣ More Than One Author

- When a work has two authors, always cite both authors.
 - Reference in text
 - Last names of authors separated by “and” (year of publication)
 - Rowling and Cramer (2005) argue for the development of new curricula.
 - No reference in text
 - (Last names of authors separated by an ampersand, copyright year).
 - The development of new curricula has been argued before (Rowling & Cramer, 2005).
- When a work has three or more authors, always cite all the authors the first time the text is used. Thereafter, use the first author’s last name followed by et al.
- Omit year upon third time citing source.
 - Reference in text
 - Last names of authors separated with end before final name, (year of publication)
 - Rowling, Dowling, Benis, George, and Cramer (2005) argue for the development of new curricula.
 - Rowling et al (2005) argue ...
 - Rowling et al argue...
 - No reference in text
 - (Last names of authors separated with an ampersand before final name, copyright year)
 - The development of new curricula has been argued before(Rowling Dowling, Benis, George, & Cramer, 2005).
 - The development of new curricula has been argued before (Rowling et al, 2005).
 - The development of new curricula has been argued before (Rowling et al).

♣ Works Without an Author

- When a work is listed as Anonymous, cite the word “Anonymous.”
 - (Anonymous, year)
 - Statistics show a higher incidence of criminal activity during the summer months (Anonymous, 2007).
- Cite the first few lines from the reference list, usually the title, and the year of publication.
- Use double quotation marks around the title of article or chapter, and italicize the title of a book or periodical.
 - (*Title of Book, or Title of Periodical*, year)
 - Statistics show a higher incidence of criminal activity during summer months (*New Yorker*, 2007).
 - (“Article title or Chapter title,” year)
 - Statistics show a higher incidence of criminal activity during summer months (“Study Results,” 2007)

♣ Groups as Authors

- Corporations, associations, government agencies, research groups, etc. are usually listed each time they are used in text, unless an abbreviation makes the group easily recognizable.
- Reference in the text
 - First time mentioned: Full name (year).
 - The National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH] reports...(2002).
 - Subsequent mentions: abbreviation (year).
 - The NIMH reports...(2002).
- Not referenced in text



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 - (National Institute of Mental Health, 2002).
- Subsequent mentions (abbreviation, year)
 - (NIMH, 2002).
- If the name is not easily recognizable by an abbreviation, such as the University of Iowa, the group must be spelled out each time it is mentioned.

▲ Classical Works

- When using classical works such as the Greeks, Romans, or the Bible, a reference entry is not required. You must only identify the version and lines used.
 - 1 Cor. 13:1 (Revised Standard Edition)
- When using very old works where the date is not applicable, list the year of the translation you used.
- Reference in text
 - Aristotle argues...(trans. 1922).
- Not referenced in text
 - The ethos, pathos, and logos...(Aristotle, trans. 1922).
- If a text does not have a date, cite the author's name followed by "n.d."
- Reference in text (n.d.)
 - Julius Caesar argued...(n.d.).
- Not referenced in text
 - The Trojan horse...(n.d.)

Reference List

- ▲ Used to indicate where information presented in the essay can be retrieved.
- ▲ Only include texts cited in the essay.
- ▲ Listed alphabetically by author or title.
- ▲ Reference list begins a new page, with "References" centered at top of page.
- ▲ The first line of an entry is at the left margin, and subsequent lines are indented ½" (hanging indent).
- ▲ **Author's Names**
 - Use last names, first initials with all authors' names in reverse order, regardless of quantity
 - Last name, first initial.
 - Mills, S.R., Griggs, B.W., & Holland, R.H.
- ▲ **Capitalization of Titles**
 - Capitalize the first word in the title and subtitle, and any proper nouns (cities, countries, peoples' names) for book, article, and chapter titles
 - Capitalize the first word, all nouns, verbs, adverbs, and adjectives for names of journals and proceedings of meetings
 - Use no special treatment for titles of shorter works (poems, short stories, essays, articles)
 - Italicize titles of longer works (books, periodicals/journals)
 - Don't drop any words, such as A, An, or The, from the titles of periodicals (newspapers, magazines, journals)
- ▲ **Place of Publication**
 - Give the city for US publishers and add the state abbreviations for all US cities except Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, and San Francisco
 - City, State: Name of press
 - Anderson, IN: Warner Press.
 - Use a shortened version of the publisher's name except for an association (AMA), corporation, or university press; drop Co., Inc., Publishers, but retain Books or Press
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- ▲ **Books**
 - Three main parts: Author, title, and publication information
 - **Book with one author**
 - Last name, first initial. (year). *Title*. City of Publication: Press.
 - Broadway, B. (2002). *Pink houses and family taverns*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
 - **More than one author**
 - Last name, first initial., Last Name, first initial., Last Name, first initial.. (year). *Title*. City of publication: Press.
 - Broadway, B., Carrol, L., Smith, T. (2007). *How the lady sings*. New York: Harper.



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- **Four or more authors**
 - Last name, first initial., et al. (year). *Title*. City of publication: Press.
 - Broadway, B., et al. (2008). *How the man sings*. New York: Harper.
- Arrange references by the same author chronologically, with the earlier date of publication listed first
 - Van Delay, A. (1994). *Venetian blinds: Contemporary study of compulsive lying*. New York: Pendant Publishing.
 - Van Delay, A. (1997). *Seinfeld: The show about nothing*. New York: Penguin Books.
- No Author
 - Title (year). City of publication: press.
- *Creation of the media: Political origins of the media*. (1922). Los Angeles: Houghton-Mifflin.
 - *The Chicago manual of style (15th ed.)*. (2003). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- ▲ **Journal Articles**
 - Four major parts: author, date, article title, and publication information (periodical title, volume number, and page number)
 - Last name, first initial. (year). Title of article. *Title of publication*, volume, pages.
 - Tyson, P.A., & Gordon, M.G. (1998). The Psychology of women. *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, 46, 361-364.
 - Bernstein, B.J. Atomic diplomacy: Hiroshima and Nagasaki. *Diplomatic History*, 28 (3), 126-129.
- ▲ **Newspaper and Magazine Articles**
 - Five major parts: author, date of publication, title of article, title of newspaper or magazine, page numbers.
 - Last name, first initial. (year, month day of publication). Title of article. *Title of newspaper or magazine*, page numbers.
 - Kramer, C.F. (2003, June 22). A health threat baffling for its lack of a pattern. *The New York Times*, p. A14.
 - Peterman, J.S. (2005, March 28). Eat this now! *US News and World Report*, 56-58.
 - Crane, N. F. (2003, September). Anarchy at sea. *Atlantic Monthly*, 50-80.
 - Don't abbreviate the names of months, ever.
- ▲ **Electronic Sources**
 - Article accessed through a library subscription service
 - Seven major parts: author's name, year of publication, title of article and publication, volume, page numbers, date retrieved, and where retrieved.
 - Last name, first initial. (year). Title of article. *Title of publication*, volume, page numbers. Date retrieved from where.
 - Jackson, G. (2004). Multiple historic meanings of the Spanish civil war. *Science and Society*, 68(3), 272-276. Retrieved September 27, 2002, from the Lexis Nexis Academic database.
 - Online daily newspaper
 - Six major parts: author's name, date of publication, title of article and publication, date retrieved, and web address.
 - Last name, first initial. (year, month day of publication). Title of article. *Title of publication*. Retrieved date, from web address.
 - Foreman, R., Bennett, E., & Collins, T. (1999, February 16). In forecasting their emotions, most people flunk out. *The New York Times*. Retrieved November 21, 2000, from <http://www.nytimes.com>.
 - Personal or Professional Websites
 - Four major parts: website name/author of website (if known), date retrieved, web address.
 - Last name, first initial. Page of site. Retrieved Month, day, year from web address.
 - Colbert, Stephen. Home page. Retrieved March 17, 2001, from <http://www.colbertnation.com>.
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