



APA GUIDELINES – 6th Edition
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BASIC LISTINGS for APA REFERENCE PAGE
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APA STYLE PRINT RESOURCE SAMPLES

The following information is taken from the 6th edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. In the new edition, the most important change is the inclusion of the DOI (Digital Object Identifier). APA recommends including DOIs for both print and electronic sources, although many sources will not have a DOI (p. 189). For more specific information about DOIs, refer to page three of this handout. This is the basic format for books: Author, A. A. (1967). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher. **For more information about each of the following examples, refer to the page and section number indicated below, which refers to the APA manual.**

1. BOOK by ONE AUTHOR: p. 202, 7.02

Lipson, C. (2004). *Doing honest work in college: How to prepare citations, avoid plagiarism, and achieve real academic success*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

2. BOOK by TWO to SEVEN AUTHORS/EDITORS: p. 184, 6.27

Buranen, L., & Roy, A. M. (Eds.). (1999). *Perspectives on plagiarism and intellectual property in a postmodern world*. Albany: State University of New York Press.

3. WORK by EIGHT or MORE AUTHORS (include first 6, then insert three ellipses...and add the last author's name.): p. 184, 6.27

4. TWO or MORE WORKS by the SAME AUTHOR (arrange by date): p. 182, 6.25

Harris, R. (2001). *The plagiarism handbook: Strategies for preventing, detecting and dealing with plagiarism*. Los Angeles: Pyczak Publishers.

Harris, R. (2002). *Using sources effectively: Strengthening your writing and avoiding plagiarism*. Los Angeles: Pyczak Publishers.

5. JOURNAL ARTICLE (give volume; show all pages covered): p. 198, 7.01

Gooden, A., Imhof, R., King, A. O., Little, J., & Markley, S. B. (2003). Learning to make a difference. *College and Research Libraries News*, 64, 443-446.

6. **ARTICLE** in a **JOURNAL** that **begins each issue on page one** (give volume and issue; show all pages covered): **p. 198, 7.01**

Berger, J. (2004). Plagiarism detection tools. *American Journalism Review* 26(3), 25.

7. **JOURNAL ARTICLE WITH DOI** (DOI takes place of location & publisher): **p. 198, 7.01 (1)**

Herbst-Damm, K. L., & Kulik, J. A. (2005). Volunteer support, marital status, and the survival times of terminally ill patients. *Health Psychology*, 24, 225-229. Doi: 10.1037/0278-6133.24.225

8. **MAGAZINE ARTICLE** (show all pages covered; give volume number): **p. 200, (7)**

Silverman, G. (2002, July 15). It's a bird, it's a plane, it's plagiarism buster! *Newsweek*, 140, 12.

9. **NEWSPAPER ARTICLE** (show all pages; list nonconsecutive pages individually): **p. 200, (10)**

Shaw, M. (2005, November 28). Internet plagiarism rampant in colleges. *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, pp. B10, B12.

10. **UNSIGNED ARTICLE** (begin entry with title; alphabetize by first major word): **p. 200, 7.01 (9)**

When academic dishonesty happens on your campus. (2002, November 8). *NISOD Innovation Abstracts*, 1-2.

11. **SIGNED** or **UNSIGNED ENCYCLOPEDIA** or **REFERENCE WORKS**: **p. 202-3, 7.02 (27)**

Dutton, D. (1998). Plagiarism and forgery. In *The Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics* (Vol. 3, pp. 503-510).

San Diego: Academic Press.

Plagiarism. (2003). *Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary* (11th ed.). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.

12. **BROCHURE** (begin with group author; put brochure in brackets): **p. 205, 7.03 (31, 35)**

St. Louis Community College—Meramec. (2004). *Fact finder* [Brochure]. St. Louis: Author.

13. **EDITED BOOK** with **SIGNED OR UNSIGNED CHAPTERS**: **p. 203-4, 7.02**

Hannah, Barry (2003). *Midnight and I'm not famous yet*. In N. Baym (Ed.), *The Norton Anthology of American Literature* (p. 2460-2468). New York: W. W. Norton & Co.

Wipe the grin off your face. (2007). In A. Gadsby (Ed.), *Longman American Idioms Dictionary* (p. 133). Essex, England: Longman.

14. GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION: p. 205, 7.03 (31, 35)

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. (1998). *Recognizing the symptoms of child abuse and neglect*. Jefferson City: Author.

15. RADIO OR TELEVISION BROADCAST: p. 209, 7.07

Glass, I. (Executive Producer). (2000, August 11). *This American life* [Radio broadcast]. Chicago: WBEZ.

APA STYLE ELECTRONIC RESOURCE SAMPLES

The following samples are taken from the *APA Style Guide to Electronic References* (2007).

I. Nonperiodical Web Page or Document

Jones, B. (2004). *Teacup Pigs*. Retrieved from <http://piggies.teacup.com>

II. Journal Articles and DOIs: p. 187-192

- APA citations should now include the **DOI** (Digital Object Identifier), when available, of an article in the reference. Look for a *long* string of letters and numbers at the top of the first page, possibly hidden behind a button labeled “Article,” “PubMed,” or some other database name. Here’s some other stuff you need to know about DOIs:
- They’re new, so not every article has one.
- When an article has a DOI, use it instead of the retrieval date and the URL.

A. Journal Article with DOI: p. 198, 7.01, #1

Stultz, J. (2006). Integrating exposure therapy and analytic therapy in trauma treatment. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 76(7), 482-488. doi: 10.1037/0002-9432.76.4.482

- Though this article was retrieved from the PsycARTICLES database, no database name is included because the DOI takes the place of both the database name and the URL.

B. Journal Article with no DOI Assigned: p. 199, 7.01 (3)

Hager, M.H. (2007). Therapeutic diet order writing: Current issues and considerations. *Topics in Clinical Nutrition*, 22, 28-36. Retrieved from <http://www.topicsinclinicalnutrition.com>

- When a DOI is not assigned, give the exact URL (if article is open-access) or URL of journal home page (if subscription is required for access).
- According to the 6th edition, you do not need to include the date you retrieved a journal article.

II. Abstract: p. 202, 7.01 (16)

Woolf, N. J., Young, S. L., Fanselow, M. S., & Butcher, L. L. (1991). MAP-2 expression in cholinceptive pyramidal cells of rodent cortex and hippocampus is altered by Pavlovian conditioning [Abstract]. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts*, 17, 480.

III. Reference Sources

A. Online encyclopedia: p. 205, 7.01 (29)

Behaviorism. (2005). In E. N. Zalta (Ed.), *The Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy*. (Fall 2007 ed.).

Retrieved from <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/behaviorism>

Psychometric assessment. (n.d.). Retrieved January 28, 2007, from The Psychology Wiki:

http://psychology.wikia.com/wiki/Psychometric_assessment

B. Online dictionary: p. 205, 7.01 (30)

Heuristic. (n.d.) In *Merriam-Webster's online dictionary*. (11th ed.). Retrieved from

<http://www.m-w.com/dictionary/heuristic>

- If entry has no date (see second example above), put (n.d.) after the topic.
- If entry has no author, place title in author position.
- For online reference works, include the **URL** for the home page. **Only include the retrieval date if the source material may change over time (e.g., Wikis).**

IV. Raw Data

A. Data Set: p. 211, 7.08, (54)

Pew Hispanic Center. (2004). *Changing channels and crisscrossing cultures: A survey of Latinos on the news media* [Data file and code book]. Retrieved from <http://pewhispanic.org/datasets>

B. Government Report with Corporate Author: p. 205, 7.03 (31)

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. (2003). *Managing asthma: A guide for schools* (NIH Publication No. 02-2650). Retrieved from http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/prof/lung/asthma/asth_sch.pdf

- Use “Available from” when URL points to a download site rather than directly to data.

V. Map retrieved online: p. 210, 7.07 (53)

Lewis County Geographic Information Services (Cartographer). (2002). Population density, 2000 U. S. Census [Demographic map]. Retrieved from http://www.co.lewis.wa.us/publicworks/maps/Demographics/census-pop-dens_2000.pdf

VI. General Interest Media

A. Newspaper Article: p. 200, 7.01 (11)

Hilts, P. J. (1999, February 16). In forecasting their emotions, most people flunk out. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

B. Audio Podcast

Van Nuys, D. (Producer). (2007, December 19). *Shrink Rap Radio*. [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from <http://www.shrinkrapradio.com>

VII. Legal Sources: refer to p. 217

Type of Citation	First Citation in Text	Subsequent Citations 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)

Sources with no author

When a work has no author, use the first few words of the entry (usually the title) and the year of publication. Double quotation marks should be used around the title of a web page, chapter or article. Periodicals, books, brochures and reports should be italicized.

Example: ... a world apart (“Recent Research,” 2007).

Example: ...the book *Looking Ahead* (1999)...

Basic APA Citation Style

Table can be found on p. 177

Quotations

When using direct quotations, always cite the author, year and page (or paragraph number for nonpaginated material).

Example: “...led to the devastation of society” (Gooden, 2003, p. 444).

If citing the paragraph number, use the abbreviation *para*.

Example: Smith and McDonald (2006) found that “the participants displayed increased anxiety and paranoia” (para. 4).

When using direct quotations of 40 or more words, indent five spaces from the left margin without using quotation marks. The final period should come before the parenthetical citation.

Example:

At Meramec, an English department policy states:

To honor and protect their own work and that of others, all students must give credit to proprietary sources that are used for course work. It is assumed that any information that is not documented is either common knowledge in that field or the original work of that student. (St. Louis, 2001, p. 1)

CHECKLIST FOR THE TEXT OF YOUR REPORT

- Did you use Times New Roman and 12 point font? Did you double space the entire report?
- Did you capitalize all major words of titles in your text (but **not** on the reference page)?
- Did you cite an email or personal interview as “personal communication” **only** in your text, **not** on the reference page? (Personal communications are not “recoverable,” so they don’t appear on the reference page.)

CHECKLIST FOR REFERENCE PAGE

- Did you double space the entire reference page?
- Did you put periods after the author’s initials, after the citation for editor, after the date of publication and after the article or book title?

- Did you capitalize only the first word of titles and subtitles, plus all proper names of people, cities, states, countries, genus names in biology, etc.?
- Did you **italicize** a book title, the name of a journal, magazine or newspaper and the volume number (but not issue number)?
- Did you list two or more sources by the same author chronologically?

SAMPLE PARAGRAPH

The University of Virginia, whose student honor code dates from 1842, weathered a plagiarism scandal in May 2001, when 122 students were accused of copying research papers (“Cheating Scandal,” 2002). Instructors must actively teach research and documentation. According to author J. Gibaldi (2003), teachers cannot assume that students have had this training because in many elementary schools, students learn to “write” by copying articles from encyclopedias. Later, they buy papers from Duenow.com. Students unfamiliar with research need practice exercises to help them decide what needs citing (Harris, 2002). Such practice is crucial, since research shows that “some students...view almost anything...on the Internet as general knowledge that does not require citation” (McCabe & Drinan, 1999, p. B7).

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- Cheating scandal met its foil in U. Va. leader. (2002, May 6). *University of Virginia News*. Retrieved from <http://www.virginia.edu/topnews/releases2002/hall-may-6-2002.html>
- Gibaldi, J. (2003). *MLA handbook for writers of research papers* (6th ed.). New York: MLA.
- Harris, R.A. (2002). *Using sources effectively: Strengthening your writing and avoiding plagiarism*. Los Angeles: Pycszak.
- McCabe, D.L., & Drinan, P. (1999, October 15). Toward a culture of academic integrity. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, p. B7.