



Citing Your Sources

Based on the APA 6th Edition

Part of academic writing is the process of acknowledging the source of the material you used in preparing your paper, by citing your sources. Various manuals offer slightly different citation formats depending upon the subject matter. This handout gives examples of the style of documentation recommended by the APA (American Psychological Association). It is used in psychology, sociology and other related fields.

BOOKS

General format to follow for citing print books:

Last name, First initial. Second initial. (Year). *Capitalize the first word of the book title and all proper nouns: First word of the subtitle is also capitalized.* Place of publication: Publisher's name.

One author:

Young, V. (1971). *Cinema borealis: Ingmar Bergman and the Swedish ethos*. New York, NY: D. Lewis.

Two to seven authors:

Anderson, M. H., La Berge, J., & Elliot, M. E. (1966). *Play with a purpose: Elementary school physical education*. New York, NY: Harper & Row.

E-Book:

Butler, J. M. (2005). *Forensic DNA typing: Biology, technology, and genetics of STR markers*. Amsterdam, Netherlands: Elsevier Academic Press. Retrieved from <http://www.netlibrary.com>

An Anthology or Edited Book:

Briscoe, J. R. (Ed.). (2004). *New historical anthology of music by women*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

A Work or Chapter in an Anthology or Edited book:

Jagamara, N. M. (2000). I am an artist, not a politician. In E. S. Kleinert & M. Neale (Eds.), *The Oxford companion to Aboriginal art and culture* (pp. 482-483). Melbourne, Australia: Oxford University Press.

Works of an "Anonymous" author (Note: if there is no author, move the title to the author position):

Anonymous. (2005). *It happened to Nancy*. New York, NY: Avon Books.

MLA style manual & guide to scholarly publishing. (7th ed.). (2008). New York, NY: Modern Language Association of America.

MAGAZINE & NEWSPAPER ARTICLES IN PRINT

General format to follow for citing magazine articles:

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year, Month Day if available). Capitalize first word of article title and all proper nouns: First word of subtitle is capitalized. *Title of Periodical, Volume number*(Issue number), page range.

Magazine example:

Ferris, D. (2009, May/June). Message in a bottle. *Sierra*, 94, 44-51.

Generic citation format for a newspaper article:

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year, Month Day). Capitalize the first word of the article title and all proper nouns: First word of the subtitle is also capitalized. *Name of Newspaper*, use p. or pp. before the page number(s).

Newspaper example:

Krieger, L. M. (2009, March 4). Stanford scientist is first in world to decode own DNA. *San Jose Mercury News*, pp. A1, A8.

ARTICLES FROM ONLINE LIBRARY DATABASES

Generic citation format:

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume number(issue number), page range. doi:0000000/000000000000

Note: Online articles sometimes include a DOI (digital object identifier) on the first page of the article, or in the article description in a library database. If no DOI is available, provide the homepage URL of the publication.

Journal article with doi available:

Labelle, R., Gargouri, R. M., & Francoeur, C. (2010). Ethics, diversity management, and financial reporting quality. *Journal of Business Ethics*, 93(2), 335-353. doi:10.1007/s10551-009-0225-7

Journal article:

Billitteri, T. J. (2009). The value of a college education. *CQ Researcher*, 19(41), 984-1004. Retrieved from <http://www.cqpress.com/researcher>

Editorial without signature:

Editorial: Mideast talks, 30 years later [Editorial]. (2009, May 19). *USA Today*, A10. Retrieved from <http://www.usatoday.com>

Article without author:

Organized squatting. (2009, July 10). *Issues & Controversies On File*. Retrieved from [http://](http://www.2facts.com/) <http://www.2facts.com/>

WEB PUBLICATIONS

Generic format for a Web page:

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of web page. Retrieved from <http://Web address>

Example:

Marietta College, Dept. of Biology & Environmental Science. (n.d.). *Lake habitat tour*. Retrieved from <http://www.marietta.edu/~biol/biomes/laketour1.htm>

Generic format for an article found on the Web with volume/issue information:

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Online Periodical*, volume number(issue number if available). Retrieved from <http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/>

Example:

Cathcart-Rake, J. (n.d.). Friends of Yosemite Valley saga: The challenges of addressing the Merced River's user capacities. *Lewis & Clark Law School's Environmental Law Online*, 39(3). Retrieved from http://www.elawreview.org/elaw/393/the_friends_of_yosemite_valley.html

GOVERNMENT SOURCES

Generic format for a Web-based government Web page:

Government Agency, Government Sub-Agency. (Date of publication). Title of web page. Retrieved from <http://Web address>

Examples:

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. (2010, January). *A systematic review of the effectiveness of training & education for the protection of workers* (NIOSH Publication No.2010-127). Retrieved from <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2010-127/>

U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. (n.d.). *Invasive plant management*. Retrieved from <http://www.nps.gov/yose/naturescience/invasive-plant-management.htm>

A copy of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*(6th ed.) is available at the West Valley College Library.