Citing Your Sources 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.* City of Publication, State initials: Publisher’s name.

**One author:**


**Two to five authors:**


**E-Book:**


**An Anthology or Edited Book:**


**A Work or Chapter in an Anthology or Edited book:**


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


**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:**


**General 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:**


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ARTICLES FROM ONLINE LIBRARY DATABASES

General citation format:
doi:00000000/000000000000

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Journal article with doi available:

Journal article with no doi:

Editorial without signature:

Article without author:

Films on Demand:

WEB PUBLICATIONS

General format for a Web page:

Example:

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

Example:

GOVERNMENT SOURCES

General format for a Web-based government Web page:

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