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Citation Short Guide: **APA 7th**

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What is APA Style?

APA is short for the **A**merican **P**sychological **A**ssociation. APA Style is commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. This guide provides examples on how to format citations for a "References" list in APA style.

References Page Basics

Step 1: Format your reference page

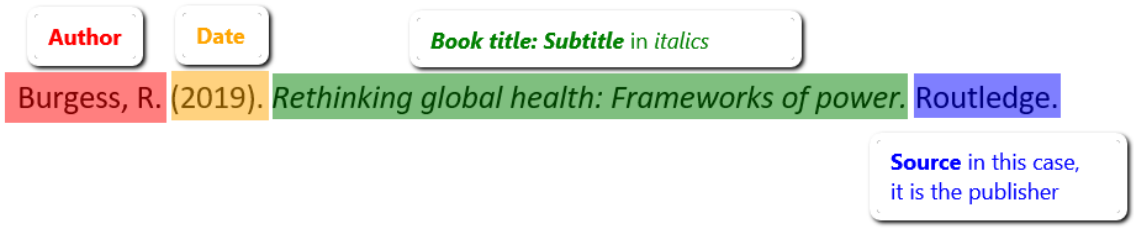
- Start a separate page at the end of your paper and title it: "**References**" in bold, at the center of the page.
- **Double-space** throughout the page.
- Begin the first line of the citation at the left margin and use **hanging indent** (5 spaces to the right) for all subsequent lines.
- Arrange all works cited in **alphabetical order**. Ignore beginning articles such as: "the," "a," and "an."

Step 2: Determine the type of source you are citing

- Are you citing from a book, newspaper article, magazine article, journal article, or website?
- See the sections below for the citation format for specific types of sources.

Step 3: Find the citation elements

- The basic template of a reference citation in APA 7th is**: Author(s). (Date).** ***Title of the work.*** **Source.**
- Below is an example for a reference citation for a print book.



- **Author(s)** – list the author by last name, first name initial. Put a period after the first name initial. (sections 9.7 - 9.9)
  - More than one author – list authors by last name, first name initial (up to 20 authors); put a comma in between the names, and put an ampersand (&) before the last author. e.g. Hayward, D., Smith, A., & Brown, J.
  - More than 21 authors – list the first 19 authors and insert three ellipsis points […] then add the last author without an ampersand (&) before the last author (see Chapter 10, example 4 on pg. 317).
  - No author – when there is no author, start with the title of the work (section 9.12).
  - Group authors – such as government agencies, associations, nonprofit organizations, hospitals, etc. Spell out the full name of the group in the reference list followed by a period (section 9.11).
- **Date of publication** – Put the year, and enclose it in parentheses
  - If there is specific date information – put the year then a comma and then the month and day, e.g. (2011, July 4).
  - If no date is available – write "n.d." in parentheses.
- **Title of the work**
  - Article title – Capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle, and any proper nouns.
  - *Periodical title* – Capitalize all the major words in the periodical title and put in *italics* (i.e. magazine, newspaper or journal title)
  - *Book or report title* – Capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle and any proper nouns; put in *italics*.
- **Source**

  For Periodicals
  - *Volume number* – Give the volume number after periodical title in *italics*; do not use "vol."
  - Issue number – Include the issue number in parentheses after the volume number; do not italicize.
  - Page numbers – Include the page numbers after the volume and issue number; end with a period.

  Electronic resources
  - **DOI** (Digital Object Identifier) is a unique string of numbers and letters assigned to some journal articles to make them easier to locate. If your article has a DOI, include it in your citation. If no DOI is provided for the article, include the URL of the journal article.
  - **Database name** – You do not need to include the name of the database if for works that can be accessed from most academic research databases such as ProQuest, EBSCOhost, JSTOR, Google Scholar, etc. (section 9.30).
  - **Retrieval date** - Retrieval date is not needed for most online sources or archived online sources. Only include retrieval date for sources with contents designed to change over time and the page/content is not intended to be archived (section 9.16).

Citation Format for Books

Author Last Name, First Initial. (Year). *Book title: Capitalize the first word in subtitle [in italics].* Publisher. DOI or URL [if eBook].

Book with Multiple Authors (up to 20 authors; for 21+ authors, see p.1 for instructions)

Haddow, K., Bullock, J., & Haddow, G. D. (2009). *Global warming, natural hazards, and emergency management.* CRC Press.

Chapter from a Book

Balsam, K. F., Martell, C. R., Jones, K. P., & Safren, S. A. (2019) Affirmative cognitive behavior therapy with sexual and gender minority people. In G. Y. Iwamasa & P. A. Hayes (Eds.), *Culturally responsive cognitive behavior therapy: Practice and supervision* (2nd ed., pp. 287-314). American Psychological Association. https://doi.org/10.1037/0000119-012Article/Entry from an Online Reference Book

Citation Format for Articles

Author Last Name, First Initial. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of the Periodical [in italics]*, *volume [in italics]*(issue) [in parentheses, no italics], pp – pp. DOI or URL

Newspaper article with no author from a printed source

The coolest place to be when it's hot. (2006, June 4). *Los Angeles Times*, p. B3.

Magazine article from printed source

Dickinson, T. (2012, September 13). The federal bailout that saved Romney. *Rolling Stone*, 52-53.

Scholarly journal article with DOI

McCauley, S. M., & Christansen, M. H. (2019). Language learning as language use: A cross-linguistic model of child language development. *Psychological Review, 126*(1), 1-51. https://doi.org/10.1037/rev0000126

Scholarly journal article from an online database without a DOI

Whittall, A. (2003). Connections and constellations. *The Musical Times, 144*(1883), 23-32. http://www.jstor.org/stable/365067

Scholarly journal article with more than 21 authors with DOI

Kalnay, E., Kanamitsu, M., Kistler, R., Collins, W., Deaven, D., Gandin, L., Iredell, M., Saha, S., White, G., Woollen, J., Zhu, Y., Chelliah, M., Ebisuzaki, W., Higgins, W., Janowiak, J., Mo, K. C., Ropelewski, C., Wang, J., Leetmaa, A., ...Joseph, D. (1996). The NCEP/NCAR 40-year reanalysis project. *Bulletin of the American Meteorogical Society, 77*(3), 437-471. http://doi.org/fg6rf9

Citation Format for Webpage, Website & Social Media

Author Last Name, First Initial. (Year, Month Day). *Title of web page or post [in italics].* Website Name. URL

Webpage

Lehman, S. (2014, May 19). *Organic foods basics*. http://nutrition.about.com/od/recipesmenus/a/organic.html

Webpage with group author

World Health Organization. (2018, March). *Questions and answers on immunization and vaccine safety*. https://www.who.int/features/qa/84/en/

Webpage with retrieval date

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *U.S. and world population clock*. U.S. Department of Commerce. Retrieved July 3, 2019, from https://www.census.gov/popclock

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Tweet

Badlands National Park [@BadlandsNPS]. (2018, February 26). *Biologist have identified more than 400 different plant species growing in @BadlandsNPS #DYK #biodiversity* [Tweet]. Twitter. https://twitter.com/BadlandsNPS/status/968196500412

Video

Faderman, L. (n.d.). *Harvey Milk's radical vision of equality* [video]. TEDed, https://ed.ted.com/lessons/harvey-milk-s-radical-vision-of-equality-lillian-faderman

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