

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA) CITATION STYLE QUICKGUIDE

In-text References / Paraphrasing

There are three options for placing references within the body of work {Rule 3.39}:

1 - Author and date within parentheses at an appropriate place within or at the end of a sentence:

In 1996, fewer than 33 percent of college students eligible to vote participated in electing a new president (Mitrovich, 1998).

2 - Only the date of publication within parentheses:

Robinson (2002) concludes that the polling industry is ineffective in evaluating the accuracy of election results due to lack of consistency in their methodology.

3 - Both the author and date integrated in the sentence:

In 2002, Robinson concluded that the polling industry is ineffective in evaluating the accuracy of election results because of inconsistency in polling methodology.

When a work has two authors, ALWAYS use both names in your in-text citations. When a work has 4-6 authors, cite ALL authors in first occurrence and use surname (last name) of the first author followed by et al. for all remaining in-text citations. If the work has more than 6 authors, cite only the surname of the first author followed by et al and the year of publication {Rule 3.95}.

Quotations

If directly taking quotations from another author's work, it must be reproduced exactly {Rule 3.34}. For quotations less than 40 words, use double quotation marks ("...") around the phrase and incorporate into the text. For quotations longer than 40 words, do not use quotation marks and place text in a double-spaced, indented block paragraph. Always provide information to the author, year, and specific page of the quotation used {Rule: 3.34}. For electronic sources with no page numbers, provide author, year, and specific paragraph (§) number [e.g. (Simpson, 2002, § 22)] {Rule 3.39}.

If you are providing information online, "common sense tells us not to give out personal information, home phone numbers or home addresses to people we don't know" (Ackerman & Hartman, 2000, p. 472).

OR

When providing information online, Ackerman and Hartman (2000) warn:

Disclosing your street address to a business sometimes results in your receiving junk mail, and disclosing your email address may result in your getting junk email, or spam as its called. You can't be sure how the information will be used or marketed unless the organization gathering the data makes some explicit guarantees. (p. 472)

Reference Page Examples

APA 5th Edition (2001) states you **MUST** format all entries to have hanging indent and be double-spaced. In addition, the Reference list page **MUST** be a separate page from the body of work. The Reference page **MUST** be titled "Reference(s)", with the title centered and at the top of the page {Rule: 5.18}.

Entries on the Reference page are arranged alphabetically by author's surname. If the author is a group/institution/agency, alphabetize by the first significant word in the proper title of the organization. If there is no author, alphabetize the entry by the first significant word in the title {Rule 4.04}.

General Citation Forms {Rule 4.07}

[Periodical]

Chalmers, S., Nahasapeemapetilon, A., Van Houten, M. (2000). Growing up

Grimes. *Journal of Fictitious Irony*, 20, 75-89.

Flanders, N., Krabappel, E., Leonard, L., Muntz, N., Smithers, W., Wiggum,

C., et al. (2005). Title of article. *Title of periodical*, xx, xxx-xxx.

[Non-Periodical]

Skinner, S. (2004). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.

[Online Periodical]

Simpson, B. & Simpson, H. (1996). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, xx,

xx-xx. Retrieved month, day, year from source.

[Online Document]

Groundskeeper, W. (1999). *Title of work*. Retrieved month, day, year, from

source.

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA) CITATION STYLE REFERENCE EXAMPLES

[Book, one author]

Hills, M. (2002). *Fan cultures*. London: Routledge.

Robinson, M. (2002). *Mobocracy: How the media's obsession with polling twists the news, alters elections, and undermines democracy*. Rosville, CA: Prima Publishing.

[Books, more than one author]

Dubner, S. J., Levitt, S. D. (2005). *Freakonomics: A rouge economist explores the hidden side of everything*. New York: HarperCollins.

Husted, S. W., Lowry, J. R., & Varble, D. (1993). *Marketing Fundamentals*. Albany, NY: Delmar Publishers, Inc.

[Book, group or organization as author]

National Telecommunications and Information Administration. (1999). *Falling through the net: A report on the telecommunication and information technology gap in America*. Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Commerce.

[Online journal articles from aggregated databases (e.g. EBSCO)]

Corbell, P. (1999, June). Learning from children: Theoretical reflections on playing and learning. *Simulation and Gaming, 30*, 163-181.

Retrieved July 3, 2002 from EBSCOhost Academic Search Elite.

Vaidhyanathan, S. (2000, July 24). MP3: It's only rock and roll and the kids are alright. *The Nation, 271*, 31. Retrieved September 26, 2005 from EBSCO Academic Search Premier.

[Newspaper article]

McKenzie, R. (2002, October 11). Worth a business degree up amid corporate scandals. *Investor's Business Daily, p. A16*.

[Newspaper article from an aggregated database (e.g. ProQuest)]

Flanders, S. (2001, July 18). Former state worker is charged in \$100,000 identity theft plot. *New York Times*. Retrieved December 15, 2002 from ProQuest database.

[Newspaper article, electronic version, no access to print version]

Blau, J. (2003, April 7). Students face file sharing lawsuit. *Yale Daily News*. Retrieved April 7, 2003 from <http://www.yaledailynews.com>.

[Magazine articles]

Griffiths, S. (2001, August). Industry on hold: Financial turbulences creates cautious telecom buyers. *Minnesota Business*, 12(4), 20-23.

[Magazine article, electronic version based on print version]

Levy, S. (2002, October). Lawrence Lessig's Supreme Showdown [Electronic version]. *Wired*, 10, 1-7.

[Website, multiple authors]

Adams, D., & Goldbard, A. (1995). *Basic concepts: Modes and means of cultural policy-making*. Retrieved March 28, 2003 from <http://www.wxcd.org/policy/concepts.html>.

[Website, no author, no date]

GVU's 10th WWW user survey. (n.d.) Retrieved January 4, 2003 from http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/user_surveys/survey-1998-10/.

For additional citation assistance and examples, visit APA Style (<http://www.apastyle.org>), Harnack & Kleppinger's *Online!* (<http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/index.html>) or Purdue's *Online Writing Center* (http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/print/research/r_apa.html).