

Citing Sources: APA Style

This condensed guide will help you with basic APA Style rules for in-text citations and reference lists. You must attribute other people's ideas, research, and quotes within the body of your paper. You can be charged with plagiarism if you don't indicate from where you found your ideas and information. If you are unsure of what to cite, cite everything, or ask your instructor for advice.

In-text Citations

The APA Style uses a combination of author and date for in-text citations. There are slightly different rules for quotes and paraphrasing, however, following are basic in-text examples:

Shiva (2002) stated that denying poor people access to water is terrorism.
Denying poor people access to water is tantamount to terrorism (Shiva, 2002).

In general, everything in your reference list should have an in-text citation, and vice versa. Keep in mind the following rules when formatting your reference list:

- ♦ The bibliography should be arranged alphabetically by author or by title (if author is not present).
- ♦ Second lines of the citation should be arranged by hanging indents of 5 spaces.
- ♦ Be sure to use proper punctuation.

Books

Print

Author, Initial. (year). *Title*. Location: Publisher.

Shiva, V. (2002). *Water wars: Privatization, pollution, and profit*. Cambridge, MA: South End Press.

Article or Chapter in an Edited Book

Yong, T. T. (2001). Singapore: Civil-military fusion. In M. Alagappa (Ed.), *Coercion and governance* (pp. 276-293). Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

Electronic

Author, Initial. (year). *Title*. Retrieved from URL

Korsmeyer, C. (2004). *Gender and aesthetics*. Retrieved from <http://lib.myilibrary.com/browse/open.asp?id=2534&loc=>

Periodicals (journals, magazines, and newspapers)

Print

Author, Initial. (year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, vol. #(issue #), pages.

Baker, R. S. (2001). The paradoxes of desegregation: race, class, and education, 1935-1975. *American Journal of Education*, 109(3), 320-344.

Electronic

Many publishers assign a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) to journal articles and other documents. If available, use the DOI as in the example below:

Author, Initials. (year). Title of article. *Title of periodical*, vol. #(issue#), pages. doi:

Elam, M. & Sundqvist, G. (2011). Meddling in Swedish Success in Nuclear Waste Management. *Environmental Politics*, 20(2), 246-263. doi: 10.1080/09644016.2011.551030

If there is no DOI assigned, give the URL of the journal's homepage as in the example below:

Urie, C.E. (2006). The beat: Behavioral change in juvenile detention center writing workshops, *Culture, Society and Praxis*. 5(1), 1-21. <http://culturesocietypraxis.org/index.php/csp/index>

Print newspaper

Egan, T. (2002, February 6). Meth building its Hell's kitchen in rural America. *The New York Times*, pp. A14.

Electronic Newspaper

Gorman, J. (2003, July 8). A wildlife corridor, green but imperiled. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>.

Government Report

Print

United States Office of Educational Research and Improvement. (1998). *Talent and diversity: the emerging world of limited English proficient students in gifted education*. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Eric Document

Sommerville, S. (2001). *The politics of survival: Homeschoolers and the law*. Purcellville, VA: Home School Legal Defense Association. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED461177).

Electronic

United States Office of Educational Research and Improvement. (1998). *The Educational System in Japan: Case study findings*. Retrieved from <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/JapanCaseStudy/>.

Hearing

Events surrounding the Branch Davidian cult standoff in Waco, Texas: Hearing before The Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, 103d Cong., 1 (1993).

Motion Picture

Armstrong, F. (Producer/Director). (1997). *McLibel: two worlds collide*. [video] London: One-Off Productions.

Electronic Document from an Organization

Snakes Creek Watershed Association. (2003, March 3). *Snake Creek Watershed stream assessment*. Retrieved from http://www.snakescreek.org/GTS_streams.htm.

For further help please consult:

The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (REF BF 76.7 .P83 2010) Copies of this manual are located at the reference desks of the Bartle, Science, and UDC Libraries.

- ♦ The Libraries' web guide, Citing Internet and Other Electronic Resources (<http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/research/guides/citationhelp.html>), links to electronic style guides.
- ♦ The American Psychological Association site (<http://www.apastyle.org/>) has examples of both print and electronic citations. The FAQ's under "Learning APA Style" are particularly useful.