

# APA Style Guide – 6<sup>th</sup> Edition

GUIDELINES

This guide will provide you basic information on citing sources using APA style; however, you should consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed.* at the library's 1<sup>st</sup> floor reference desk and the APA Style Blog at <http://blog.apastyle.org/>. Consult *Publication Manual* section numbers listed with each example or use the color-coded guide and interactive practice tutorial at <http://www.lonestar.edu/library/research-guides-cyfair>.

- References are arranged in alphabetical order by the author's last name or, in the case where a source has no author, by the first word in the title (ignore "A," "An" and "The").
- Authors are listed with their surnames + initials (e.g., Smith, D.G.)
- Put one space after periods, commas, colons, and semicolons and indent each line 0.5 inches (excluding the first line). Double space between lines and between each entry. No period after web addresses (URLs).
- Book and article title capitalization is different in the paper itself vs. the reference list (examples below). In the reference list, capitalize the first word only, any word immediately after a colon or dash, and proper nouns.
- Retain the words, "books" and "press" when citing publishers' names. All other words (e.g., Inc.) can be omitted.

## Periodicals *Section 7.01*

**NOTE:** When citing a document from the Internet, do not put a period at the end of the citation when the last element of the citation is a URL or digital object identifier (DOI). A DOI is an assigned, unique identification number for each digital item that can be used to locate it anywhere online. While URLs may change, an item DOI will remain the same.

## Journal Article with Digital Object Identifier (DOI) *Sections 7.01.1 & 6.27*

**NOTE:** If there are 8 or more authors, list the first 6 author names, then an ellipsis (...), and finally the last author's name.

1 Sathyanarayana, S., Karr, C. J., Lozano, P., Brown, E., Calafat, A. M., Liu, F., & Swan, S. H. 2 (2008). 3 Baby care products: Possible sources of phthalate exposure. 4 *Pediatrics*, 5 121, 260-268.  
6 doi:10.1542/peds.2006-3766

### KEY:

1 authors 2 date of publication 3 article title 4 journal title 5 volume & page numbers (NOTE: include issue number after the volume if each journal in the volume begins pagination on page 1) 6 digital object identifier (DOI)

## Journal Article without Digital Object Identifier (DOI) *Section 7.01.3* (From JSTOR database, but use journal home page URL.)

**NOTE:** If no DOI is listed, give the journal home page URL. If not available, give the database home page URL.

Brubaker, R., & Laitin, D. D. (1998). Ethnic and nationalist violence. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 24, 423-452. Retrieved from <http://www.annualreviews.org/journal/soc>

## Online Magazine Article *Section 7.01.8* (From Academic Search Complete database, but use magazine home page URL.)

Luscombe, B. (2013, March 18). Confidence woman. *Time*, 181(10). Retrieved from <http://www.time.com>

## Online Newspaper Article *Section 7.01.11* (From LexisNexis Academic database, but use newspaper home page URL.)

Luddy, M. (2012, October 17). Separate but equal. *The Irish Times*, p. 17. Retrieved from <http://www.irishtimes.com>

## Web Page with Author *Section 7.11* (See the APA Style Blog at <http://bit.ly/dahbc9> for examples.)

Lenneman, F. (2009, October 22). Raising a left-handed child. Retrieved from <http://www.oprah.com/relationships/6-Tips-for-Raising-a-Left-Handed-Child>

## Web Page without Author or Date *Sections 7.11 and 6.28* (See the APA Style Blog at <http://bit.ly/2nt5IF7> for an example.)

Banned and challenged books. (n.d.). Retrieved from <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/about>

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**Electronic Book** *Sections 6.32 and 7.02.19-21* (See also the APA Style Blog at <http://bit.ly/1zMTJr9> for more details - book from eBook Collection database, but use the database's home page if you retrieved the book online.)

Taillant, J. D. (2015). *Glaciers: The politics of ice*. Retrieved from <http://search.ebscohost.com>

**Book Chapter Reprinted from a Magazine in an Online Database** *Section 7.02.26 & 7.01.8* (From *Opposing Viewpoints in Context* database, but use magazine home page URL.)

McMahon, T. (2015). Is maternity leave a bad idea? In N. Berlatsky (Ed.), *Working women*. Farmington Hills, MI:

Greenhaven Press. (Reprinted from *Maclean's*, 2014, January 20). Retrieved from <http://www.macleans.ca/>

**Government Publication** *Section 7.03.31*

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service. (2018, January 24). *FSIS issues public health alert for chicken and pork products produced without the benefit of inspection*. Retrieved from <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/news-releases-statements-transcripts/news-release-archives-by-year/archive/2018/nr-012418-01>

**Online Video** *Section 7.11.77* (See also the APA Style Blog at <http://bit.ly/vXkuxn> for citation example)

Sunnaquair. (2011, March 13). *Tsunami reached Kona Hawaii* [Video file]. Retrieved from

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8P\\_pKXMKAc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8P_pKXMKAc)

**Online Video from a Streaming Video Database** (see the APA Style Blog at <http://bit.ly/w1vGAR> for citation example)

Films Media Group (Producer). (2007). *Brain overload*. [Streaming video]. Retrieved from Films on Demand database.

**Online Video Segment from a Streaming Video Database** *Section 7.02 for chapter/section of a work* (see the APA Style Blog at <http://bit.ly/1YfM6oH> for a citation example)

Films Media Group (Producer). (2008). Thoreau on nature. In *The American Transcendentalists: Concord,*

*Massachusetts*. [Streaming video]. Retrieved from Films on Demand database.

**Online Photo** (see the APA Style Blog at <http://bit.ly/aFrY7n> for citation example)

Holub, T. (2009, May 15). *Ponte Vecchio, Florence, Italy*. [Photograph]. Retrieved from

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/tholub/3533057181/>

**Book by Two or More Authors** *Sections 7.02 & 6.27*

**NOTE:** If there are 8 or more authors, list the first six author names, then an ellipsis (...), and finally the last author's name.

① Steinberg, G., & Hall, B. ② (2000). ③ *Inside transracial adoption*. ④ Indianapolis, IN: ⑤ Perspectives Press.

**KEY:**

① author ② year of publication ③ title ④ city + state or country of publication ⑤ publisher

**Article or Chapter in an Edited Book** *Section 7.02*

MacKenzie, D.L., & Shaw, J.W. (2001). Inmate adjustment and change during shock incarceration: The impact of correctional boot camp programs. In C.E. Pope, R. Lovell, & S.G. Brandl (Eds.), *Voices from the field: Readings in criminal justice research* (pp. 21-43). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

**Video** *Section 7.07.49*

ABC News. (Producer). (2006). *Women and alcohol*. [DVD]. Available from <http://www.films.com>



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