Quick Reference to APA Style Reference Lists

General Formatting

- Begin your reference list on a separate page at the end of your document under the label **References**. Put the label at the center top of the page. Do not bold, underline, or use quotation marks in the label.
- Alphabetize the list of references by the first word in each entry (usually the author's last name).
- Make the first line of each entry in your list flush with the margin. Subsequent lines in each entry should be indented one-half inch. This is known as a hanging indent.
- Double space all entries, with no skipped spaces between entries.
- Capitalize only the first letter of the first word of a book, article or Web page title, the first word after a colon or dash in the title, and proper nouns. Capitalize all major words in journal titles.
- If a reference has more than 7 authors, list the first 6 authors and then uses ellipses (…) after the 6th author’s name. List the last author’s name after the ellipses.
- If an article that is available electronically has been assigned a DOI (digital object identifier), include the DOI in the citation. If no DOI has been assigned, include the URL from the journal homepage or report. Include database information only if your material cannot be easily found elsewhere. Take a look at the [DOI and URL Flowchart](https://apastyle.apa.org/) from the APA Style website.

Basic Formats and Examples

Scholarly Article

**Basic Format:**

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal, Volume*(Issue [only include if the journal is paginated by issue]), Pages. Digital Object Identifier / URL

**Examples:**


Book

**Basic Format:**

Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of book*. Publisher City, Publisher State Abbreviation: Publisher.

**Example:**


Web Site

**Basic Format:**


**Example:**


(over)
E-book
If the work is not directly available online or must be purchased, use "Available from," rather than "Retrieved from." For books available in print form and electronic form, include the publish date.

**Basic Format:**

**Example:**

Part of a Book (Such as an Essay in a Collection)
Use pp. before the page numbers of the specific essay or chapter.

**Basic Format:**
Author, A. A. (Year). Title of chapter. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pages of chapter). Publisher City, Publisher State Abbreviation: Publisher.

**Example:**

Article in a Web Periodical
If an article has been assigned a DOI (digital object identifier), include the DOI in the citation. If no DOI has been assigned, include the URL in the citation.

**Basic Format:**

**Example:**

You can find the complete guide to APA Style, including examples of citations not found here, at the following URL: [http://www.apastyle.org/](http://www.apastyle.org/)

Further guidance about APA Style can be found at the Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL): [https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/)

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- Library of the Health Sciences-Chicago: WZ345 P976 2010 (Another copy is on reserve)
- Daley Library: BF76.7 .P83 2010b

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