

## APA DOCUMENTATION STYLE

A quick guide to the reference list\*

### Sources in Books

Basic format for a book w/ one or more multiple authors (*if there are more than six authors, list the first six as above and then "et al.," which stands for "and others." Remember not to place a period after "et" in "et al."*)

**Author, A. A. (Year of publication). Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle. Location: Publisher.**

Calfee, R. C., & Valencia, R. R. (1991). *APA guide to preparing manuscripts for journal publication*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

### Sources in Periodicals

Below is a basic format; please consult the complete APA Manual if you have questions about your specific source material.

**Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year). Title of article. Title of Periodical, volume number(issue number), pages.**

Magazine article

Henry, W. A., III. (1990, April 9). Making the grade in today's schools. *Time*, 135, 28-31.

Journal article, paginated by issue and paginated by volume

Scruton, R. (1996). The eclipse of listening. *The New Criterion*, 15(30), 5-13.

Harlow, H. F. (1983). Fundamentals for preparing psychology journal articles. *Journal of Comparative and Physiological Psychology*, 55, 893-896.

Newspaper article

Schultz, S. (2005, December 28). Calls made to strengthen state energy policies. *The Country Today*, pp. 1A, 2A.

(Note: Unlike other periodicals, p. or pp. precedes page numbers for a newspaper reference in APA style. Single pages take p., e.g., p. B2; multiple pages take pp., e.g., pp. B2, B4 or pp. C1, C3-C4.)

### Electronic Sources

**Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. Title of Online Periodical, volume number(issue number if available). Retrieved from <http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/>**

Article from an online periodical

Bernstein, M. (2002). 10 tips on writing the living Web. *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites*, 149.  
Retrieved from <http://www.alistapart.com/articles/writeliving>

### Other Sources

Motion Picture, basic

**Producer, P. P. (Producer), & Director, D.D. (Director). (Date of publication). Title of motion picture [Motion picture]. Country of origin: Studio or distributor.**

Smith, J.D. (Producer), & Smithee, A.F. (Director). (2001). *Really big disaster movie* [ Motion picture]. United States: Paramount Pictures.

\*Items in reference list are alphabetized by author's name or first major word of the title if the work has no author

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