



## Citing Information in the APA Style

Academic disciplines employ different ways of citing sources used in scholarly research. One of the most widely used style manuals in higher education is from the American Psychological Association (APA.) It is utilized in the social and behavioral science fields. The citation page is most often entitled **References** and entries must be alphabetized.

Below are examples of how to cite the most used types of resources. **Keep in mind your entries need to be double-spaced and have a hanging indent.**

Other examples may be found by consulting:

- **Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association** (REF BF 76.7 .P83 2010)
- **Owl@Purdue Online Writing Lab** <https://owl.english.purdue.edu>
- **APA Style** <http://www.apastyle.org/>

### *Citing Books...*

#### **Print Format:**

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication). *Title of book*. Place of Publication: Publisher.

#### **Example:**

Smith, K.C. (2004). *Children's literature of the Harlem renaissance*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.

#### **Electronic Format (eBook):**

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication). *Title of book*. [eBook version]. Retrieved from  
<http://xxx.xxx/xxx/xxx>

#### **Example:**

Zimring, C.A. (2005). *Cash for your trash: Scrap recycling in America* [eBook version].

Retrieved from <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/cgcc>

### *Citing CQ Researcher...*

**Electronic format:**

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *CQ Researcher*, Volume, page numbers. Retrieved from <http://library.cqpress.com>

**Example:**

Glazer, S. (2006, November 10). Video games. *CQ Researcher*, 16, 937-960. Retrieved from <http://library.cqpress.com>

### *Citing Encyclopedias...*

**Print Format:**

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year of publication). Title of article. In *Encyclopedia name*. (Edition if any, Volume number, pp. numbers). Place of publication: Publisher.

**Example:**

McGhee, K. (2007). Insects. In *Encyclopedia of animals*. (pp. 170-171). Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society.

**Electronic Format:**

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year of publication). Title of entry or article. In name of editor if there is one (Ed.), *Name of reference source*. Retrieved from <http://xxx.xxx/xxx/xx>

**Example:**

Graham, G. (2005). Behaviorism. In E. N. Zalta (Ed.), *The Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy*. Retrieved from <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/behaviorism/>

### *Citing Interviews You Conducted...*

**Personal Interview Format:**

(First initial. Last Name, Kind of interview, Date in format of month date, year).

**Example:**

(R. Brenner, personal communication, April 14, 2006).

*\*Note: An interview is not considered recoverable data, so no reference is provided in the reference list.*

## Citing Journals...

### Print Format:

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, Volume number (Issue number), page numbers.

### Example:

Ciccomascolo, L. & Riebe, D. (2006). Setting the stage for physical activity for secondary students. *The Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance*, 77(9), 34.

### Electronic Format with DOI\*– Digital Object Identifier:

Kroon, L. (2007). Drug interactions with smoking. *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*, 64(18), 1917-1921. doi: 10.2146/ajhp060414

### Electronic Format without DOI\* – Digital Object Identifier:

Singh, H., Chang, M., & Dika, S. (2007). Effects of part-time work on school achievement during high school. *Journal of Educational Research*, 101(1), 12-22. Retrieved from <http://web.ebscohost.com>

## Citing Magazines...

### Print Format:

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication, Month). Title of article. *Title of Magazine*, Volume number (Issue number if there is one), page numbers.

### Example:

Bender, M. (2006, December). 2-minute winter warm-ups: Wake up your hibernating muscles, starting now. *Health*, 20, 38-42.

### Electronic Format:

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication, Month). Title of article. *Title of Magazine*, Volume number (Issue number if there is one). Retrieved from <http://xxx.xxx/xxx>

### Example:

Long, B. (2007, September). GPS for the Mac: Let your Mac know where it is, anywhere on the globe. *Macworld*, 24. Retrieved from <http://find.galegroup.com>

## Citing Movies...

### Format:

Producer's Last Name, Initials. (Producer), & Director's Last name, Initials. (Director). (Year of release). *Title*. [Format]. Country of origin: Studio.

### Example:

Nevins, S. (Producer), & Anderson, J. (Director). (2006). *Mr. Conservative: Goldwater on Goldwater*. [DVD]. United States: HBO Documentary Films.

## Citing Newspapers...

### Print Format:

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication, Month date). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, page numbers.

### Example:

Lublin, J. S. (2006, December 11). Untainted firms alter how they offer options. *The Wall Street Journal*, pp. B1, B3.

*\*Note: Unlike other periodicals, p. or pp. precedes page numbers for a newspaper reference in APA style. Single pages use p. (for example, p. B2) and multiple pages use pp. (for example, pp. B2, B4 or C1, C3-C4).*

### Electronic Format:

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication, Month date). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*.

Retrieved from <http://xxx.xxx/xxx.xxx>

### Example:

Shin, A. (2006, December 6). Tran's fat banned in N.Y. eateries; city health board cites heart risks. *The Washington Post*. Retrieved from <http://proquest.umi.com>

## Citing Opposing Viewpoints...

### Print Format:

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year of publication). Title of article. In name of editor if there is one (Ed.), *Opposing Viewpoints: Title of book (pp. xx-xx)*. Place of publication: Publisher.

### Example:

Benjamin, D.K. (2006). The benefits of recycling are exaggerated. In L.I. Gerdes (Ed.), *Opposing Viewpoints: Pollution* (pp. 124-129). Farmington Hills, MI: Greenhaven Press.

**Electronic Format:**

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year of publication). Title of article. In name of editor if there is one

(Ed.), *Title of book*. Retrieved from <http://xxx.xxx/xxx.xxx>

**Example:**

Schwab, G. (2006). Steroid use among high school athletes is a growing problem. In L.K.

Egendorf (Ed.), *At Issue: Steroids*. Retrieved from <http://find.galegroup.com>

### *Citing Streaming Video: Complete Video from a Database....*

**Format:**

Producer's Last Name, Initials. (Producer). (Year Produced). Name of Video [Format]. Retrieved

from Database Name and URL

**Example:**

NOVA (Producer). (2008). Ape Genius [steaming video]. Retrieved from Films on Demand

<http://digital.films.com/PortalPlaylists.aspx?aid=20759&xtid=56015>

### *Citing Websites...*

**Format:**

Sponsoring organization. (Year of publication). *Title of webpage*. Retrieved from

<http://xxx.xxx/xxx.xxx>

**Example:**

American Library Association YALSA (2005). *Outstanding books for the college bound*.

Retrieved from <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/obcb>

### *Parenthetical Documentation...*

**In-text Citation**

“Physical educators at the secondary level should focus their efforts on helping students adopt and maintain an active lifestyle.” (Ciccomascolo et al., 2006).

\*A DOI is a permanent ID that, when appended to <http://dx.doi.org/> in the address bar of an Internet browser, will lead to the source. If no DOI is available on the database record, list a URL (web address.) Include an access date only if one is required by your publisher or discipline.