

APA Reference List Models

This guide contains examples of references in APA style. The references are grouped by category: periodicals; books and reference books; technical and research reports; meetings and symposia; doctoral dissertations and master's theses; reviews and peer commentary; audiovisual media; data sets, software, measurement instruments, and apparatus; unpublished and informally published works; archival documents and collections; and internet message boards, electronic mailing lists, and other online communities. In addition, general samples of corresponding citations are provided within each reference category.

Periodicals

Items published on a regular basis such as journals, magazines, newspapers, and newsletters.

| Reference List Format | Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). Title of article. <i>Title of Periodical</i> , volume # (issue #), pp-pp. doi:xx.xxxxxxxx If no digital object identifier (DOI) is assigned, include the home page URL for the periodical using this format: Retrieved from http://www.xxxxxxxx.xxx |
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| Example: Journal article with DOI | Florian, R. V. (2010). Challenges for interactivist-constructivist robotics. <i>New Ideas in Psychology</i> , 28(3), 350-353. doi: 10.1016/j.newideapsych.2009.09.009 |
| Example: Journal article without DOI | Santovec, M. (2008). Easing the transition improves grad retention at Trinity U. <i>Women in Higher Education</i> , 17(10), 32. Retrieved from http://www.wihe.com/ |
| Example: Magazine article, print | Sloan, C., Booth, S., & Tate, A. (2010, July). Why I became an American. <i>Real Simple</i> . 186-192. |
| Example: Online magazine article | Cendrowicz, L. (2010, July). Will Europe's bank stress tests bring calm or spread more fear? <i>Time</i> . Retrieved from http://www.time.com/time/business/article/0,8599,2005557,00.html |
| Example: Online newspaper article | Tobin Ramos, R. (2010, July 22). UPS profit nearly doubles in second quarter. <i>The Atlanta Journal-Constitution</i> . Retrieved from http://www.ajc.com |

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| <p>Example: Newsletter article</p> | <p>Burnside, P. (2010, July). Why EFTPS is a good fit for governments. <i>FSLG Newsletter</i>. Retrieved from http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege/p4090_0710.pdf</p> |
| <p>In-text citation samples</p> | <p>Citing paraphrased information:</p> <p>Paraphrased text (Santovec, 2008). or According to Santovec (2008), paraphrased text.</p> <p>Citing quoted information:</p> <p>“Quote” (Santovec, 2008, para. 3). or As stated by Santovec (2008), “quote” (para. 3).</p> <p>Citing online publications: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation <i>para.</i>). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, “Educating Adults,” para. 2).</p> <p>Citing Secondary Sources: If you use a source that is cited in another source, name the original work and give a citation for the secondary source. For example, if you are reading a document authored by Fisher and Fisher cites Darwin’s work, list the Fisher reference in the reference list. In the text, use the following citation:</p> <p>Darwin argued [insert paraphrased text] (as cited in Fisher, 2005). or Darwin argued [insert “quote”] (as quoted in Fisher, 2005).</p> |

Books, Reference Books, & Book Chapters

Books and reference books such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, and discipline-specific reference books. Also includes books that are published in electronic form.

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| <p>Reference List Format: Book (print or electronic)</p> | <p>Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). <i>Title of book</i>. Location: Publisher</p> <p>Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). <i>Title of book</i>. Retrieved from http://www.xxxxxxx.xxx</p> <p>Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). <i>Title of book</i>. doi:xxxxxxx</p> <p>Editor's Last Name, Initials. (Ed.). (Publication Year). <i>Title of book</i>. Location: Publisher</p> |
| <p>Example: Book, print version</p> | <p>Diaz-Rico, L. T. (2008). <i>A course for teaching English learners</i>. Boston, MA: Pearson.</p> |
| <p>Example: Book, Ashford custom edition</p> | <p>Ivancevich, J.M., Matteson, M.T., Bateman, T.S., Snell, S.A., Kreitner, R., & Kinicki, A. (2007). <i>Organizational change</i>. (Ashford University ed.). Boston, MA: McGraw-Hill.</p> |
| <p>Example: Book, compilation or edited</p> | <p>Easton, T.A. (Ed.). (2008). <i>Clashing views on environmental issues</i> (12th ed.). Boston, MA: McGraw-Hill.</p> |
| <p>Example: Book, electronic (Constellation eBook)</p> | <p>Witt, G.A., & Mossler, R.A. (2010) <i>Adult Development</i>. Retrieved from https://content.ashford.edu/books/4</p> |
| <p>Example: Reference book, print</p> | <p>Costello, R. B. (Ed.) (1995). <i>Random House Webster's College Dictionary</i>. New York, NY. Random House.</p> |
| <p>Example: Reference book, online</p> | <p>Mawson, C. O. S. (Ed.). <i>Roget's international thesaurus of English words and phrases</i>. Retrieved from http://www.bartleby.com/br/110.html</p> |
| <p>In-text citation samples</p> | <p>Citing paraphrased information:</p> <p>Paraphrased text (Witt & Mossler, 2010). or According to Witt & Mossler (2010), paraphrased text.</p> |

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| | <p>Citing quoted information:</p> <p>“Quote” (Witt & Mossler, 2010, p. 47). or As stated by Witt & Mossler (2010), “quote” (p. 47).</p> <p>Citing electronic books: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation <i>para.</i>). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, “Educating Adults,” para. 2).</p> |
| <p>Reference List Format: Entry or chapter in a book.</p> | <p>Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). Title of chapter or entry. In Editor’s first initial, Editor’s Last Name (Ed.) <i>Title of book</i>. (pp. xx-xx). Location: Publisher</p> <p>Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). Title of chapter or entry. In Editor’s first initial, Editor’s Last Name (Ed.) <i>Title of book</i>. (pp. xx-xx). Retrieved from http://www.xxxxxxx.xxx</p> <p>Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). Title of chapter or entry. In Editor’s first initial, Editor’s Last Name (Ed.) <i>Title of book</i>. (pp. xx-xx). doi:xxxxxxx</p> |
| <p>Example: Entry in a book</p> | <p>Guthrie, W. (2007). This land is your land. In R. DiYanni (Ed.). <i>Literature: Reading fiction, poetry, and drama</i> (6th Ed.). (pp. 897-898). New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.</p> |
| <p>In-text citation samples</p> | <p>Citing paraphrased information:</p> <p>Paraphrased text (Guthrie, 2007). or In the poem by Guthrie (2007), paraphrased text.</p> <p>Citing quoted information:</p> <p>“Quote” (Guthrie, 2007, p. 898). or As written by Guthrie (2007), “quote” (p. 897).</p> <p>Citing electronic books: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation <i>para.</i>). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Guthrie, 2007, “This land is your land”).</p> |
| <p>Reference List Format: Reference work with no author or editor</p> | <p>Title of entry. (Publication Year). In Editor’s first initial, Editor’s Last Name (Ed.) <i>Title of reference work</i>. (xx Ed., Vol. xx, pp. xx-xx). Location: Publisher</p> <p>Title of entry. (Publication Year). In Editor’s first initial, Editor’s Last Name (Ed.) <i>Title of reference work</i>. (xx Ed., Vol. xx). Retrieved from http://www.xxxxxxx.xxx</p> <p>If no editor is listed, place the title after the year of publication (see sample below).</p> |

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| <p>Example: Reference work, no author or editor, online</p> | <p>Cayman Islands. (2008). <i>The world factbook</i>. Retrieved from http://www.bartleby.com/br/151.html</p> |
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Technical and Research Reports

Technical and research reports are like journal articles in that they usually cover original research. However, the research may or may not be peer reviewed. Format references to technical and research reports like you would a book.

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| <p>Reference List Format: Technical and Research Reports</p> | <p>Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). <i>Title of work</i>. (Report No. xxx). Location: Publisher</p> <p>Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). <i>Title of work</i>. (Report No. xxx). Retrieved from Agency name website: http://www.xxxxxxx.xxx</p> |
| <p>Example: Corporate author, government report</p> | <p>U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2008). <i>Criminal justice: Police and detectives</i>. Retrieved from http://www.bls.gov/oco/pdf/ocos160.pdf</p> |
| <p>Example: Authored report, nongovernmental organization, online</p> | <p>Lingenfelter, P. E., Wright, D. L., & Bisel, T. M. (2005). <i>State higher education finance, FY 2004</i>. (SHEF Report). Retrieved from State Higher Education Officers: http://www.sheeo.org</p> |
| <p>In-text citation samples</p> | <p>Citing paraphrased information:</p> <p>Paraphrased text (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008). or As identified by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2008), paraphrased text.</p> <p>Citing quoted information:</p> <p>"Quote" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008, p. 3). or As stated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2008), "quote" (p. 3).</p> <p>Citing electronic reports: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation <i>para.</i>). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, "Educating Adults," para. 2).</p> |

Meetings and Symposia

Proceedings of meetings and symposia that are published in book or periodical form. To cite published proceedings from a book, use the same format as a book or chapter from a book. To cite proceedings that are published regularly, use the same format for a periodical.

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| <p>Reference List Format: Symposium</p> | <p>Contributor's Last Name, Initials. (Year, Month). Title of contribution. In Chairperson's Initials and Last name (Chair). <i>Title of symposium</i>. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Organization Name, Location.</p> |
| <p>Reference List Format: Paper Presentation or poster session</p> | <p>Presenter's Last Name, Initials. (Year, Month). Title of paper or poster. Paper or poster session presented at the meeting of Organization Name, Location.</p> |
| <p>Example: Symposium</p> | <p>Wight, L.M., & Fox, E. (2009, November). A virtual librarian in any class. In Ury, C. J., Baudino, F., & Park, S. G. (Eds.). <i>Brick and click libraries: Proceedings of an academic library symposium</i>. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Brick and Click Libraries, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO.</p> |
| <p>Example: Paper or Poster presentation</p> | <p>Rozanova, J. (2007, March). The portrayals of seniors and inequality in the globe and mail. Poster session presented at the meeting of Edmonton Aging Symposium, Alberta, Canada.</p> |
| <p>In-text citation samples</p> | <p>Citing paraphrased information:</p> <p>Paraphrased text (Wight & Fox, 2009). or As identified by Wight and Fox (2009), paraphrased text.</p> <p>Citing quoted information:</p> <p>"Quote" (Wight & Fox, 2009, p. 7). or As stated by Wight and Fox (2009), "quote" (p. 7).</p> <p>Citing electronic documents: If a page number is not available use paragraph number (use the abbreviation <i>para.</i>). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, "Educating Adults," para. 2).</p> |

Doctoral Dissertations and Master's Theses

Doctoral dissertations and master's theses can be retrieved from subscription databases, intuitional archives, and personal websites.

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| Reference List Format: Dissertation or theses from a database service | Author's Last Name, Initials (Publication Year). <i>Title of doctoral dissertation or master's thesis</i> (Doctoral dissertation or master's thesis). Retrieved from Name of database. (Accession or Order No.) |
| Reference List Format: Dissertation or theses, unpublished | Author's Last Name, Initials (Publication Year). <i>Title of doctoral dissertation or master's thesis</i> (Unpublished doctoral dissertation or master's thesis). Name of Institution, Location. |
| Example: Master's thesis, from a database | Meyer, D. A. (1977). <i>Pre-Dorset settlements at the Seahorse Gully site</i> . (Master's thesis). Retrieved from WorldCatDissertations (Accession No. OCLC: 3535412) |
| Example: Doctoral dissertation, unpublished | Smith, J. A. (1982). <i>The social impact of early childhood education</i> . (Unpublished doctoral dissertation). University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE. |
| In-text citation samples | Citing paraphrased information: Paraphrased text (Meyer, 1977). or As identified by Meyer (1977), paraphrased text. Citing quoted information: "Quote" (Meyer, 1977, p. 34). or As stated by Meyer (1977), "quote" (p. 34). Citing electronic documents: If a page number is not available use paragraph number (use the abbreviation <i>para.</i>). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, "Educating Adults," para. 2). |

Reviews and Peer Commentary

Reviews of books, motion pictures, and other information or entertainment products.

Reviews are published in a variety of venues, including periodicals, websites, and blogs.

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| <p>Reference List Format: Reviews</p> | <p>Reviewer's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). Title of review [Review of the book <i>Title of the Book</i>, by Author's Initials, Author's Last Name]. Title of complete work, xx, xxx-xxx.</p> <p>If the review is located online, include the home page URL for the article/review using this format: Retrieved from http://www.xxxxxxxxxx.xxx</p> |
| <p>Example: Review of a book, online</p> | <p>Handler, D. (2010, July). Innocence lost [Review of the book <i>Citrus County</i> by J. Brandon]. <i>The New York Times</i>. Retrieved from http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/18/books/review/Handler-t.html</p> |
| <p>In-text citation samples</p> | <p>Citing paraphrased information:</p> <p>Paraphrased text (Handler, 2010). or As described by Handler (2010) in his review of <i>Citrus County</i>, paraphrased text.</p> <p>Citing quoted information:</p> <p>"Quote" (Handler, 2010, para. 3). or As stated by Handler (2010), "quote" (para. 3).</p> <p>Citing electronic reviews: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation <i>para.</i>). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, "Educating Adults," para. 2).</p> |

Audiovisual Media

Movies, audio or television broadcasts, and static works such as artwork or photos.

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| Reference List Format: Motion Picture | Producer's Last Name, Initials (Producer), & Director's Last Name, Initials (Director). (Year). <i>Title of motion picture</i> [Motion Picture]. Country of Origin: Studio. |
| Reference List Format: Music Recording | Writer's Last Name, Initials (Copyright year). Title of Song [Recorded by Initials, Artist's Last Name if different from writer]. On <i>Title of album</i> [Medium of recording: CD, record, cassette, etc.] Location: Label. (Date of recording if different from song copyright date) |
| Example: Video | Auer, J. & Looze, C. (Producers), & Looze, C. (Director). (1993). <i>A partner to genius: Olgivanna Lloyd Wright</i> [Videorecording]. Milwaukee, WI: WMVS WMVT. |
| Example: Podcast | Wood, S. (Producer). (2010, June 29). <i>Five tips for hiring A-player employees</i> [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from http://www.smbtrendwire.com/2010/06/29/5-tips-for-hiring-a-player-employees/ |
| In-text citation samples | Paraphrased text (Auer & Looze, 1993). or As described in the video, <i>A partner to genius: Olgivanna Lloyd Wright</i> (Auer & Looze, 1993), paraphrased text. |

Data Sets, Software, Measurement Instruments, and Apparatus

Raw data and tools that aid persons in performing tasks such as data analysis or measurement

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| Reference List Format: Program | Rightholder's Last Name, Initials (Year). Title of program (Version number) [Description of form]. Location: Name of producer Rightholder's Last Name, Initials (Year). Title of program (Version number) [Description of form]. Retrieved from http://www.xxxx.xxx |
| Example: Data set | Federal Agency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics (2010). <i>Data sources on older Americans 2009</i> [Data file]. Retrieved from http://www.agingstats.gov/agingstatsdotnet/main_site/default.aspx |
| Example: | Microsoft (2010). Expression studio 4 ultimate [Computer software]. Retrieved from |

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| Software | http://www.microsoft.com/expression/ |
| In-text citation samples | <p>Citing paraphrased information:</p> <p>Paraphrased text (Microsoft, 2010). or As identified by Microsoft (2010) in describing the features of Expression Studio 4, paraphrased text.</p> <p>Citing quoted information:</p> <p>“Quote” (Microsoft, 2010, “Product Specifications”). or As stated by Microsoft (2010), “quote” (“Product Specifications”).</p> <p>Citing electronic work: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation <i>para.</i>). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, “Educating Adults,” para. 2).</p> |

Unpublished and Informally Published Works

Work that is in progress, has been submitted for publication or has been completed but not submitted for publication. Also includes work that is available on a personal or institutional website.

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| Reference List Format: Unpublished work | Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Year). <i>Title of manuscript</i> . Unpublished manuscript [or “Manuscript submitted for publication,” or “Manuscript in preparation”]. |
| Example: Unpublished manuscript with a university cited | Andrews, N. A. (1992). <i>Athletic training and sports management programs</i> . Unpublished manuscript. College of Education and Health Professions, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AK. |
| Example: Informally published or self-archived work, from ERIC | Rodolfo, R. (1988). <i>Exploring alternatives to consolidation</i> . Retrieved from ERIC database. (ED296817) |
| In-text citation samples | <p>Citing paraphrased information:</p> <p>Paraphrased text (Rodolfo, 1988). or As identified by Rodolfo (1988), paraphrased text.</p> <p>Citing quoted information:</p> |

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 As stated by Rodolfo (1998), “quote” (p. 3).

Citing electronic works: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation *para.*). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, “Educating Adults,” para. 2).

Archival Documents and Collections

Letters, unpublished manuscripts, limited-circulation brochures and pamphlets, in house institutional and corporate documents, clippings, and other documents. Also includes non-text materials such as photographs that are a personal possession or part of an institutional collection.

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| Reference List Format: Archival Documents | Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Year, Month Day). Title of material. [Description of material]. Name of Collection (Call number, Box number, File name or number, etc.). Name of Repository, Location. |
| Example: Collection of letters from an archive | Wright, F. L. (1867-1959). Correspondence. Frank Lloyd Wright Archives. Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles, CA. |
| In text citation for specific letters: | (Wright, F. L., 1867-1959, Wright to [Recipient’s Initials and Last Name, Month day, Year of correspondence]). |

Internet Message Boards, Electronic Mailing Lists, and Other Online Communities

Blogs, newsgroups, online forums and discussion groups, electronic mailing lists

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| Reference List Format: Online posts | Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Year, Month Day). Title of post [Description of form]. Retrieved from http://www.xxxx.xxx |
| Example: Message posted to a newsgroup, online forum, or discussion group | Miller, H. (2010, July 19). Re: Application: Literacy development and content instruction [Online forum comment]. Retrieved from http://classroom.ashford.edu/ |

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| <p>Example: Message posted to an electronic mailing list</p> | <p>Curtis, J. (1998, December 1). Re: No! A thousand times no! [Electronic mailing list message]. Retrieved from http://www.media-ecology.org/list/mediaecology/1998-12.txt</p> |
| <p>Example: Blog post</p> | <p>Batchelder, A. (2010, July 6). Students brains are being digitally rewired [Web log post]. Retrieved from http://literacyispriceless.wordpress.com/</p> |
| <p>Example: Video blog post</p> | <p>JamesESL. (2009, August 8). How to write an effective essay [Video file]. Retrieved from http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWqMQ26Gqi4</p> |
| <p>In-text citation samples</p> | <p>Citing paraphrased information:</p> <p>Paraphrased text (Miller, 2010). or As shared by Miller (2010), paraphrased text.</p> <p>Citing quoted information:</p> <p>“Quote” (Miller, 2010, para. 3). or As stated by Miller (2010), “quote” (para. 2).</p> <p>Citing electronic postings: use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation <i>para.</i>) or the title of the posting. For example, (Wilson, 2010, “Response to Tonya,” para. 2).</p> |