

# Citing Sources in APA Style

If you are using the APA guidelines, you need two types of citations—one goes in the text of your paper, and the other at the end.

## **In the text of your paper**

*Give the author's last name, the year of publication, page #. For example:*

Studies have found that "marriages in which the parents share responsibilities tend to be the happiest" (Levine, 1976, p. 222).

*If you use the author's name in your sentence, follow this example:*

Kearman (1982, p. 18) reports that from 1967 to 1980, kindergarten enrollment rose by about a third.

*If you cite a work with two authors, give both names every time you cite it.*

Johnson and Parker (1998, p. 20) noted that education was limited to individualized instruction at religious schools in urban areas.

*If the work has more than two authors, give all the names in the first citation only; in later citations, just give the first author's name followed by "et. al."*

Miller, Dellefield, and Musso (1980, p. 306) have called for more effective advertising of financial aid programs.

Miller et al. (1980, p. 27) have studied the institutional management of financial aid.

*If the work does not have an author, use the first few words of the title of the work instead.*

The number of high school dropouts nationwide has been steadily rising ("Study Finds," 2002, p. 26).

*If you are quoting an online source with no page numbers (such as an article from a database), use paragraph numbers instead.*

As Myers (2000, ¶5) phrased it, "positive emotions are beneficial."

## At the end of your paper: the Reference List/Bibliography

	Form	Example
<b>Book by 1 author</b>	Author, A. A. (Year). <i>Title</i> . Place of publication: Publisher.	McCandless, B. R. (1967). <i>Children: Behavior and development</i> . New York: Holt & Winston.
<b>Book by 2 or more authors</b>	Author, A. A. & Author, B. B. (Year). <i>Title</i> . Place of publication: Publisher.	Duncan, C. & Gibbs, T. (2000). <i>Violence at work</i> . Geneva: Labor Office.
<b>Edited book</b>	Editors (Eds.). (Year). <i>Title</i> . Place of publication: publisher.	Holland, J. & Myers, K. C. (Eds.). (1980). <i>Social analysis</i> . Australia: Dove Books.
<b>Book, no author or editor</b>	<i>Title</i> . (Edition, if available). (Year). Place of Publication: Publisher.	<i>Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary</i> . (10th ed.). (1993). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.
<b>Chapter in a Book</b>	Chapter author. (Year). Chapter title. In Editors' Names (Eds.), <i>Title of book</i> (page #s). Place of Publication: Publisher.	Scott, P. T. (1966). From Heaven to Hell. In Martz, L. L. (Ed.), <i>Milton: a collection of critical essays</i> (pp. 31-56). Washington: Prentice-Hall.
<b>Entry in an Encyclopedia</b>	Entry author. (Year). Title of entry. In <i>Title of Encyclopedia</i> (Volume, page #). Place of Publication: Publisher.	Miller, W.T. (2002). Music. In <i>The World book encyclopedia</i> (Vol. 13, pp. 443-450). Chicago: World Book.
<b>Article in a journal with continuous pagination</b>	Author. (Year). Article title. <i>Journal Title</i> , volume, page #s.	Henson, M. P. (1993). Between fact and fiction: the problem of journalism. <i>Journal of Writing</i> , 36, 131-148.
<b>Article in a journal with separate pagination in each issue</b>	Author. (Year). Article title. <i>Journal Title</i> , volume(issue) page #s.	Child, F. J. (2001). English and Scottish popular ballads. <i>Journal of English Literature</i> , 130 (2), 29-52.

	<b>Form</b>	<b>Example</b>
<b>Article in a magazine</b>	Author. (Full date). Article title. <i>Magazine Title, volume, page #s.</i>	Cottrel, L. (1992, October 3). Seeing is believing. <i>Science</i> , 238, 523-539.
<b>Article in a newspaper</b>	Author. (Full date). Article title. <i>Newspaper title, page #s.</i>	Smith, J. (2002, October 11). Sheriff's audit lists tax-paid jury perks. <i>The Commercial appeal</i> , pp. A1, A5.
<b>Doctoral Dissertation</b>	Author. (Date). Title (Doctoral dissertation, University, date). <i>Source of abstract, volume, dissertation #.</i>	Armstrong, P.D. (1998). Employee assistant referrals. (Doctoral dissertation, U of Memphis, 1997). <i>Dissertation Abstracts International</i> , 46, 987B.
<b>Television Broadcast</b>	Producer (their title). (Date aired). <i>Title of t.v. show.</i> Location of production: Production company.	Crystal, L. (Executive Producer). (1998, September 2). <i>The MacNeil/Lehrer news hour.</i> New York: PBS
<b>Music Recording</b>	Writer of song. (Date). Title of song [Recorded by artist if different from writer]. On <i>Title of album</i> [medium of recording]. Location: Label.	Delvin, W. (1992). Over the rainbow. On <i>Montana mountains</i> [CD]. New York: Polygram Music.

### **Basic Rules for your Reference List/Bibliography**

List authors' names with the last name first, followed by the author's initials. Your reference list should be alphabetized by authors' last names.

If you have more than one work by a particular author, order them by publication date, starting with the oldest (a 1991 article would appear before a 1996 article).

If no author is given for a particular source, alphabetize using the title of the work.

Use "&" instead of "and" when listing multiple authors of a single work.

Capitalize only the first letter of the first word of a title and subtitle of a work, and capitalize proper nouns.

Italicize titles of books and journals.

## Citing Online Sources in APA Style

	Form	Example
<b>Article from a database such as ERIC, PsycInfo, LexisNexis or Academic Search Elite.</b>	Author, A. A., Author, B. B. (Year). Title of article. <i>Title of Periodical, volume(issue)</i> . Retrieved month day, year from Name of Database.	Lind, M. (2001). The case for a living wage. <i>New Leader, 84</i> (5). Retrieved October 11, 2002 from Academic Search Elite.
<b>Newspaper Article from an Online News Website</b>	Author. (Full date). Title of article. <i>Title of Newspaper</i> . Retrieved date from URL	Huff, P. (2001, October 27). West Nile spreads across country. <i>Star Tribune</i> . Retrieved November 12, 2001 from <a href="http://www.startribune.com/cgi-bin/stOnline">http://www.startribune.com/cgi-bin/stOnline</a>
<b>Magazine Article from an Online Magazine Website</b>	Author. (Full date). Title of article. <i>Title of Magazine</i> . Retrieved date from URL	Adler, J. (1997, May 17). Ghost of Everest. <i>Newsweek</i> . Retrieved on June 3, 2001 from <a href="http://newsweek.com/nw-rv/issue/20_99a/printed/int/socu/so0120_1.htm">http://newsweek.com/nw-rv/issue/20_99a/printed/int/socu/so0120_1.htm</a>
<b>Web Page</b>	Author of webpage. (Date created or last updated). <i>Title of webpage</i> . Retrieved date, from URL	Myers, P. (10 March 1995). <i>Phylum arthropoda</i> . Retrieved October 11, 2002, from <a href="http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/arthropoda.html">http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/arthropoda.html</a>
<b>Web page, no author identified, no date</b>	<i>Title of webpage</i> . (n.d.—stands for no date). Retrieved date, from URL	<i>GVU's 8th WWW user survey</i> . (n.d.). Retrieved October 11, 2002 from <a href="http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/">http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/</a>
<b>Message posted to an online newsgroup or listserv</b>	Author of post, or screen name. (Date posted). Subject line of post. [message # if available]. Message posted to URL	Dagan, L. (2002, October 12). New inventions in jewelry [Msg. 25]. Message posted to <a href="http://groups.mindspring.com/forum/messages/00025.html">http://groups.mindspring.com/forum/messages/00025.html</a>

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