How to…

Compile your reference page in APA format

Before compiling your reference page, read your syllabus carefully. Be sure you understand your instructor’s expectations. If you have any questions about the assignment requirements, check with your instructor. This guide provides examples for the most common citations. For additional examples, refer to Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.) or the websites listed at the end of this guide.

1. Reference page format
   - Include your references on a separate sheet(s) at the end of your paper.
   - Title the page References with the title centered on the page.
   - Double-space.
   - Use a hanging indent. (Indent the second line and all subsequent lines for each entry.)
   - Arrange your entries alphabetically by the first word in each citation. This will usually be the author’s last name. If you have several items by the same author(s), arrange those items by earliest date first.
   - Verify that each in-text citation has a corresponding entry on the References page. There are a few exceptions to this rule. (See p. 174 of the Publication Manual.)

2. Cite a book: 1 author

Author, 1st initial. 2nd initial if available. (publication date). Title of book italicized. Place published: publisher.


   - List initial for first name and middle name if available.
   - Italicize the title.
   - Capitalize first letter in title and subtitle if there is one.
   - Include the city and the state for the place of publication. Use the two letter postal abbreviation without periods.
   - Enclose the edition in parentheses if other than the first edition and place at the end of the title. Follow the end parenthesis with a period. If the example above was the 3rd edition, the end of the title would read: and other visual artists (3rd ed.).

3. Cite an article from a library database: 1 author with doi

Author, 1st initial. 2nd initial if available. (publication date). Title of article. Title of Journal, Magazine or Newspaper, Volume # (Issue #), page number-page number. doi: doi number


doi:10.1111/j.1475-6781.2007.00102.x

   - Include publication year only for scholarly journals. For magazines and newspapers include year, month and day if available.
   - Capitalize all proper nouns and the first word of the article title and the subtitle if there is one.
   - Italicize the title of the journal, magazine or newspaper and capitalize the first letter in the first word and all remaining words (not minor words like of, the, an, in).
   - Doi (digital object identifier) is usually found on the first page of a scholarly article in the header or footer. If a doi is not available, use the publisher’s URL.
   - Eliminate the issue number if the journal uses continuous pagination (the practice of starting page numbering in each issue where the last issue left off). Most scholarly journals use continuous pagination.
4. Cite an article from a library database: multiple authors with doi

5. Cite an article from a library database: no doi

6. Cite an Internet source: with author and date
Author—which can be an individual or a group, association, department. (Date of publication). *Title of document*. Retrieved from http://Web address


- Use (n.d.) if no date is given.
- If no author is listed, start entry with article title.
- If necessary to continue a URL on another line, do so before any punctuation such as /.

7. Cite a YouTube video:
Author or Producer Last Name, Initial first name. Initial middle name if available. [Screen name if available]. (Year, Month, Day). *Title of the video [Video file]*. Retrieved from http://www.xxxx.xxx


8. Try these websites for additional examples:
Purdue’s Online Writing Lab [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/)
Vanguard: APA Style Essentials [http://psychology.vanguard.edu/faculty/douglas-degelman/apa-style/](http://psychology.vanguard.edu/faculty/douglas-degelman/apa-style/)
Writing Center@the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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