



APA Style Guide

Citing Sources in the Text

- You must provide an in-text citation when quoting or paraphrasing someone else's work
- In-text citations direct the reader to the source's entry in the References list
- When using APA format, follow the author/date method of in-text citations

Examples

Author not named in text

One critic of Milgram's experiments insisted that the subjects "should have been fully informed of the possible effects on them" (Baumrind, 2003, p. 34).

Author named in text

Baumrind insisted that the subjects in Milgram's study "should have been fully informed of the possible effects on them" (2003, p. 34).

Two authors

One study demonstrates that "nonmedical needs may be addressed by anyone on the team" (Csikai & Chaitin, 2006, p. 112).

Tips

- If a source has three to five authors, you must name all of the authors in the first citation of a work.
Example: Pepinsky, Rentl, and Corson (2001), argue...
- In the second and subsequent references to a work with three to five authors, give only the first author's name, followed by "et al."
Example: According to Pepinsky et al. (2001)...
- For six or more authors, even in the first citation of the work, give only the first author's name, followed by "et al."
- Anonymous works are referred to by full or shortened title.
Example: ("Study Finds," 1982)
- When an information source contains no page numbers, just include the authors name and the date of publication in the in-text citation.
Example: One website describes the side effects of this drug (King, 2005).

Preparing the References list

Your "References" list should include all the sources you quoted, paraphrased, or summarized in your assignment. This listing appears at the end of your assignment. When formatting your "References," follow these standards:

1. Arrange your sources in alphabetical order by the last name of the author or title if no author exists.
2. Double space the entire list (both within and between entries).
3. Indent the second and subsequent lines of each entry five to seven spaces from the left.
4. Only capitalize the first word of a title and proper nouns (including author names and initials).

Avoiding Plagiarism Checklist

- Is each use of someone else's material noted in your assignment?
- Did you reference your sources for graphs, statistics and other borrowed data?
- Are quotations from another persons' work exact. Did you use quotation marks?
- If you paraphrased or summarized someone else's material did you use your own words and sentence structure?
- Does your references list include all the sources you referred to in your assignment?

Print Sources

Book

Speck, D.C. (1998). *The pleasure of the crown*. Buraby, BC, Canada: Talonbooks.

2 or more authors

Foster, B.C., & Tisdell, C.A. (1986). *Economics in Canadian society*. Toronto, ON, Canada: Wiley.

Book with an Editor

Treat, J.W. (Ed.). (1996). *Contemporary Japan and popular culture*. Honolulu, HI: University of Hawaii Press.

Essay or Chapter in a Book

Keating, N.C. (1992). Older rural Canadians. In D.A. Hay (Ed.), *Rural sociology in Canada* (pp. 134-154). Toronto, ON, Canada: Oxford University Press.

Academic Journal Article

Dacey, J. (1994). Management participation in corporate buy-outs. *Management Perspectives*, 7(4), 20-31.

Signed Article Daily Newspaper

Staples, S. (2005, December 8). A 'quantum' leap in communication. *Ottawa Citizen*, pp. A1, A10.

Custom Courseware

Ford, S. (1996). Doctor-patient interactions in oncology. In C. Sinding (Ed.), *Health Studies 4C03* (January 2004 ed., pp. 125-133). Hamilton, ON: McMaster University.

Other Sources

Lecture

Lecturer, A. (Date). *Lecture number: Title of lecture* [Format]. Retrieved from <URL>

Example

Etches-Johnson, A. (2007). *Lecture 1: Library research for communication studies* [PowerPoint slides]. Retrieved from <URL>

Music

lang, k.d. (2008). Shadow and the frame. On *Watershed* [CD]. New York, NY: Nonesuch Records.

Video

American Psychological Association. (Producer). (2000). *Responding therapeutically to patient expressions of sexual attraction* [DVD]. Available from <URL>

Personal Communication

Cite information from your own personal notes from a lecture as a personal communication and refer to it only in the body of your essay.

Example

(P. Smith, personal communication, November, 16, 2002)

Electronic Sources

Website

Author, A. (Date or "n.d." if undated). *Title of document*. (if given). Retrieved from <URL>

Example

Anderson, D. (2002, May 1). *Social constructionism and MOOs*. Retrieved from http://sites.unc.edu/~daniel/social_constructionism

Online Book

Shotton, M. A. (1989). *Computer addiction? A study of computer dependency*. [DX Reader version]. Retrieved from <URL>

Electronic Journal Article (with Digital Object Identifier [DOI])

Herbst-Damm, K.L. & Kulik, J. A. (2005). Volunteer support, marital status, and the survival times of terminally ill patients. *Health Psychology*, 24, 225-229. doi: 10.1037/0278-6133.24.2.225

Electronic Journal Article (when DOI is not available)

Wissink, J.A. (2000). Techniques of smoking cessation. *Adolescent Medicine*, 2, 15-22. Retrieved from <URL>

Online Newspaper

York, G. (2003, June 9). Chinese waters rising higher. *Globe and Mail*. Retrieved from <URL>

Blogs

PZ Myers (2007, January 22). The unfortunate prerequisites and consequences of partitioning your mind [Web log post]. Retrieved from <URL>

Wikis

Psychometric assessment. (n.d.). Retrieved from The Psychology Wiki: <URL>

Audio Podcast

Van Nuys, D. (Producer). (2006, October 13). Understanding autism [Show 54]. *Shrink Rap Radio*. Retrieved from <URL>

Video Weblog Post (YouTube)

Norton, R. (2006, November 4). How to train a cat to operate a light switch [Video file]. Retrieved from <URL>

Course Website/WebCT

Reynolds, W. (2008, September 14). *Lecture 1: Sociology and statistics*. SOC 1A06 Sociology. WebCT. Retrieved from <URL>

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<http://library.mcmaster.ca/justask/>

Other Resources

▪ *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association*. 6th ed. **BF 76.7 .P83 2010 Mills: 2nd Floor (Research Help Desk), Thode (Reference), Innis (Reference)**

- <http://www.apastyle.org/>
- <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>
- <http://library.concordia.ca/help/howto/apa.php>
- <http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/citex.html>