

Preparing Reference Lists Using
American Psychological Association (APA) 5th Edition

Always check with your professor to make sure that referencing is according to his/her expectations. Spacing is always double-spaced when creating your reference list; however, these examples will be single-spaced for the purpose of saving paper.

REFERENCES

The APA publication manual contains examples of different reference types (pp. 232-281). Here are a few examples of the most commonly used formats.

PREPARING THE REFERENCE LIST

The reference list (References) is a list of sources that you used in your research paper. These sources specifically support your paper and provide the information needed to identify and locate each source. The reference list appears at the end of the paper, is double-spaced within and between sources, and is arranged alphabetically by the surname of the first author. Sources without authors are arranged alphabetically by title within the same list. The entries should also have a hanging indent.

REFERENCES TO PERIODICALS

These should include article author(s), date of publication, article title (Only the first word of title, subtitle and any proper nouns should be capitalized.), and periodical title, volume number (italicized), and page numbers.

ARTICLE, ONE AUTHOR

Smith, J. (1990). In search of health. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 61, 23- 25.

ARTICLE, TWO AUTHORS, PAGINATED BY ISSUE

Burdette, W., & Carey, P. (1989). Hiring practices. *Personnel Journal*, 5(1), 5-10.

ARTICLE, THREE TO SIX AUTHORS

Smith, J., Burdette, W., Carey, P., & Murray, F. (1979). Supervisory experience in the seventies. *Personnel Journal*, 12(2), 80-85.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, NO AUTHOR

Columbine: Tragedy strikes. (1999, July 1). *Atlanta Journal*, p. A1.

Alphabetize works with no author by the first significant word in the title. In text, use the first four words of the reference list entry for the parenthetical citation ("Columbine," 1999). Precede page numbers for newspaper articles with "p" or "pp".

REFERENCES TO BOOKS

These should include book authors or editors, date of publication, book title (Italicized, only the first word of title, subtitle and any proper nouns should be capitalized.), and publication information (place: publisher).

BOOK, SINGLE AUTHOR, EDITION OTHER THAN FIRST

Williams, T. (1998). *Organizational habits* (2nd ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.

EDITED BOOK

Troy, A., Anthony, P., & Wind, J.A. (Eds.). (1964). *Blacks in Education*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

ARTICLE OR CHAPTER IN AN EDITED BOOK

These should include author of the article, date of publication, article title, book editors, book title and article page numbers, and publication information.

Peters, M. (1990). Perceptions of fuzzy logic. In T. Mitchell, Sr., S. Potts, & D. Hairston (Eds.), *Fuzzy logic uncovered* (pp. 201-210). New York: McGraw-Hill.

REFERENCES TO TECHNICAL AND RESEARCH REPORTS

These should include report authors or editors, date of publication, report title (Italicized, only the first word of title, subtitle and any proper nouns should be capitalized.), and publication information (place: publisher).

REPORT AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

U.S. Department of Education. (1998). *The status of higher education in America*. (DHHS Publication No. ADM 98-1679). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.
Government Documents available from the GPO should show GPO as the publisher.

REPORT AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER (ERIC)

Varnedoe, R. (1991). *Photography: The art of pictures in the classroom* (Report No. NCRTL-RR-91-1). East Lansing, MI: National Center for Research on Teacher Education. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 926863)

Give the ERIC number in parentheses at the end of the entry.

REFERENCES TO PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA

PUBLISHED PROCEEDINGS

Mitchell, W.B., & Shepherd, S. (1999). Librarians in a university setting: What are the challenges? In L. Davidson (Ed.), *National Library Conference: Vol. 35. The status of librarians* (pp. 313-316). Athens: University of Georgia Press.

UNPUBLISHED PAPER PRESENTED AT A MEETING

Franks, V., Samms, P., & Harper, T. (1985, October). *Trauma Symptom Checklist for Babies (TSC-B)*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Babies, Los Angeles, CA.

DISSERTATIONS/THESES

DISSERTATION/THESIS IN DISSERTATION ABSTRACTS AND OBTAINED FROM UMI

Shepherd, S. (2003). The relationship between computer skills and the levels of technostress among faculty and academic librarians from selected institutions within the University System of Georgia. *Dissertation Abstracts International* (UMI No. 3108828)

DISSERTATION/THESIS IN DISSERTATION ABSTRACTS AND OBTAINED FROM UNIVERSITY

Williams, G. G (2003). Georgia Southern University's Mentoring Administrators Program: A program evaluation (Doctoral dissertation, Georgia Southern University, 2003). *Dissertation Abstracts International* (UMI No. 3095170)

UNPUBLISHED DISSERTATION

Robertson, J.W. (2003). *Training needs of school board members as perceived by school board chairpersons and superintendents in Georgia*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro.

BOOK REVIEW

White, F. (1990). Myths of self-knowledge [Review of the book *The self-knower*]. *Contemporary Psychology*, 22, 450-455.

If the review is untitled, use the material in brackets as the title; retain the brackets.

REFERENCES TO ELECTRONIC MEDIA

If the print and electronic forms of the material are the same, a reference for the print form currently is preferred. If they are not the same, for the electronic version, include the article author(s), the date of publication, the article title (Only the first word of title, subtitle and any proper nouns should be capitalized.), and the periodical title (italicized), type of media, availability (specify path).

ARTICLE IN GALILEO DATABASE

Ericson, D. (1993). Prevention of ontogenesis. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 54(1), 50-60. Retrieved January 27, 1999, from Periodical Abstracts database <http://www.galileo.usg.edu>

ARTICLE ON A WORLD WIDE WEB PAGE

Jacobs, P. (1994). A history of facilitated communication. *American Psychologist* 50, 750-765. Retrieved January 25, 1997, <http://www.apa.org/journals/jacobs.html>

REFERENCE CITATIONS IN TEXT

In your research paper, you must point out exactly what you have taken from each source named in the "Reference List." APA recommends you do this by citing the author and date of the work. For example:

Tricyclic antidepressants appear to be no more effective than placebo in treatment of depression in children and adolescents (Hazell, O'Connell, Heathcote, Robertson, & Henry, 1995).

When a work has no author, cite the first few words of the reference list entry (usually the title) and the year. For example:

Fewer patients died ("New drug appears," 1993).

PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS (i.e., email, interviews)

R. Smith (personal communication, December 30, 2001)

Cite personal communications in text only.

Note: Check the APA Manual (p. 283-320) for additional instructions on how to format your paper. An example of a paper and reference list is provided. Also, check with your professor for clarification on the use of this citation guide in order to meet course guidelines.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

American Psychological Association. (2001). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

APA Electronic References <http://www.apastyle.org/elecref.html>

APA Style Homepage <http://www.apastyle.org/>

APA Style Tips <http://www.apastyle.org/previoustips.html>

Dewey, R. (2004). APA Style Resources Available at:

<http://www.psywww.com/resource/apacrib.htm>

Purdue University Writing Lab. (2000). *Using APA Format*. Available at:

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_apa.html

Scribe, A. (2004). The APA Crib Sheet. Available at: <http://www.docstyles.com/apastyle.htm>