

# APA Style 7<sup>th</sup> edition

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This Library Guide has been produced in single space in order to minimize paper use. **Please remember that when you produce your own APA documents, all text and references must be double-spaced.**

- The American Psychological Association (APA) style, as presented in this handout, is widely accepted in the Social Sciences.
- The APA citation format requires citation within the text rather than endnotes or footnotes.
- In-text citations usually include the name of the author and the date of publication, to lead the reader to the listing found in the “References” section, which is placed at the end of the research paper.
- Complete information about each source cited in the text is supplied in the “References” list.

Based on the *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. There is a copy in the Reference Collection (Ref. 150.149 Am35) and at the Service Desk on reserve. Ask a librarian if you need assistance. For more information also go to <https://apastyle.apa.org/>

## Citing in Your Paper (In-Text Citation)

In the text of a research paper, if the author’s name is part of the narrative, include only the year of publication in the parentheses.

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If citing a particular page or chapter of a document, include that information in the parentheses.

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**At the end of the paper, in a section called “References,” full citations are listed in alphabetical order.**

Smith, P. (1998). Learning to cite using APA Style. *Journal of College Writing*, 6, 60513.

Author Type	Parenthetical citation	Narrative citation
One author	(Gonzalez, 2019)	Gonzalez (2019)
Two authors	(Gonzalez & Jones, 2019)	Gonzalez and Jones (2019)
Three or more authors	(Gonzalez et al., 2019)	Gonzalez et. al. (2019)
Group author with abbreviation:		
First citation	(American Psychological Association [APA], 2020)	American Psychological Association (APA, 2020)
Subsequent citations	(APA, 2020)	APA (2020)
Group author without abbreviation	(University of California, 2020)	University of California (2020)
No author	(“New drug,” 1993) <i>Use an abbreviated version of the title.</i>	

### Citations in Text with no page numbers:

If citing a particular part of a document which has no page numbers, include the paragraph (para.) or section heading with the number of the paragraph.

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(Myers, 2000, para. 5)

(Beutler, 2000, Conclusion section, para.1)

### Citation of a work discussed in another (secondary) source:

In general it is expected that you seek out and use the *original* source of the information. However, this is not always practical. To cite a secondary source, do the following.

In the Text:

Seidenberg and McClelland's study (as cited in Coltheart, Curtis, Atkins, & Haller, 1993)

**Note:** You will list the Coltheart reference in the reference list.

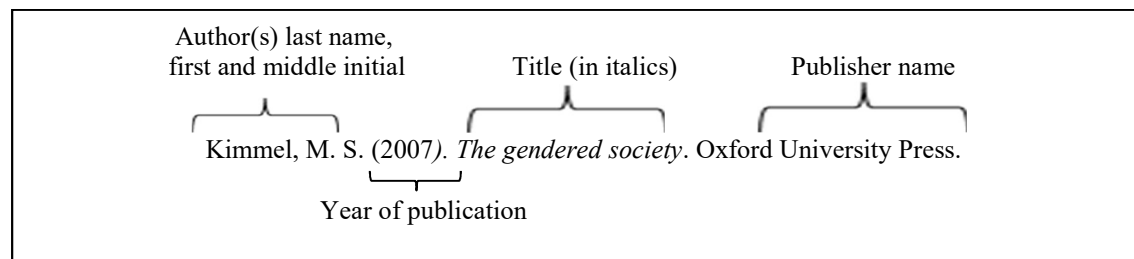
## Creating a Reference List at the End of Your Paper

**Remember:** All references in your list must be double-spaced, both between references and within references, with a hanging indent of ½ inch for references with more than one line.

### Books and eBooks

#### Books:

##### By a Single Author



##### By Two or More Authors

DiFonzo, N., & Bordia, P. (2007). *Rumor psychology: Social and organizational approaches*. American Psychological Association.

##### By a Corporate (Group) Author

American Sociological Association. (1975). *Approaches to the study of social structure*. Free Press.

##### Edited Book

Rhodewalt, F. (Ed.). (2008). *Personality and social behavior*. Psychology Press.

##### No Author

*The universal declaration of human rights*. (1974). U.S. Catholic Conference, Division of Latin America.

## Ebooks:

### With a doi

Gillam, T. (2018). *Creativity, wellbeing and mental health practice*. Wiley Blackwell.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-74884-9>

### Without a doi (Cite the same as a print book)

Lauwers, J., Opsomer, J. & Schwall, H. (Eds.). (2018). *Psychology and the classics: a dialogue of disciplines*. De Gruyter.

### From a website:

Sanger, M. (2000). *Woman and the new race*. Bartleby.com. <http://www.bartleby.com/1013/> (Original work published 1920).

## Chapters in Books

Levi-Strauss, C. (1971). Totem and caste. In F. E. Katz (Ed.), *Contemporary sociological theory* (pp. 82-89). Random House.

## Article, entry, or chapter from an online reference book (encyclopedia, dictionary, handbook):

### Online with a doi:

Watkins, M. (2013). Mind-body problem. In H. Pashler (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the mind*. SAGE.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781452257044.n191>

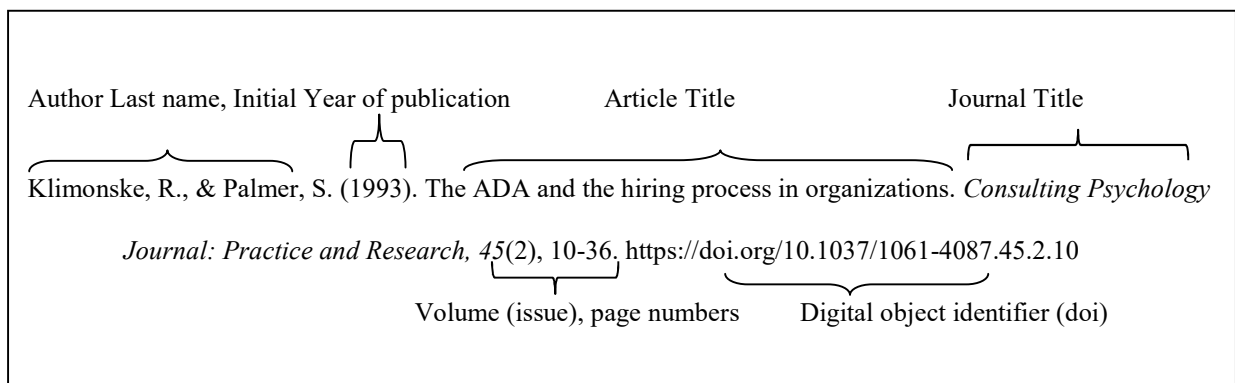
### Online with no doi:

Shevell, S. K. (2000). Color vision. In A. E. Kasdin (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of psychology* (Vol.2, pp.182-186). Oxford University Press.

## ERIC Documents

Evans, V. (2016). *An Evaluation of CHAMPS for classroom management* (ED581571). ERIC.  
<https://eric.ed.gov/contentdelivery/servlet/ERICServlet?accno=ED581571>

## Journal Articles



### Article without DOI or in print:

Scroggins, W. A., Thomas, S. L., & Morris, J. A. (2008). Psychological testing in personnel selection, Part II: The refinement of methods and standards in employee selection. *Public Personnel Management*, 37(2), 185-199.

Two or more authors (up to 20 authors)

Klimonske, R., & Palmer, S. (1993). The ADA and the hiring process in organizations. *Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research*, 45(2), 10-36. doi:10.1037/1061-4087.45.2.10

**Note:** If an article has 21 authors or more, list the first 19 authors, then insert an ellipsis (...) and then the last name and first initials of the last author.

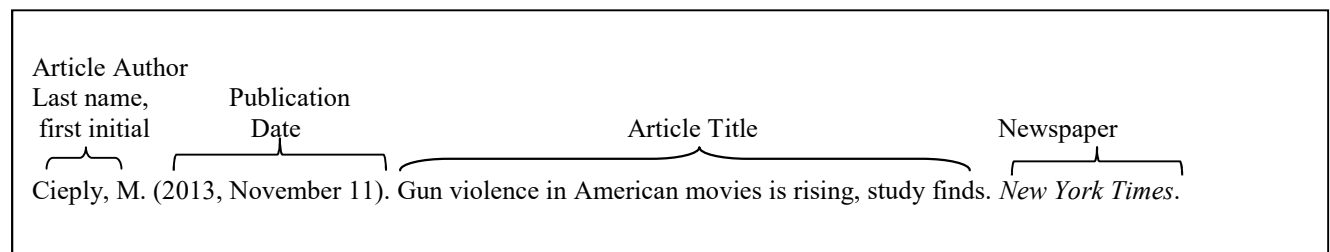
Wolchik, S. A., West, S. G., Sandler, I. N., Tein, J., Coatsworth, D., Lengua, L., Johnson, A., Ito, H., Ramirez, J., Jones, H., Anderson, P., Winkle, S., Short, A., Bergen, W., Wentworth, J., Ramos, P., Woo, L., Martin, B., Josephs, M., ... Brown, Z. (2005). Study of the brain. *Psychology Journal* 32(1), 1-15. doi:10.1037/1061-4087.45.1.11

## Newspaper and Magazine Articles

### Newspaper Article

Online:

From a database (note: do not include database URL or name)



From a website, with no author:

It's subpoena time. (2007, June 8). *New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2007/06/08/opinion/08fri1.html>

Print:

Jones, S. (1997, October 19). Hit-and-run suspect commits suicide. *New York Times*, p. 17.

### Magazine Article:

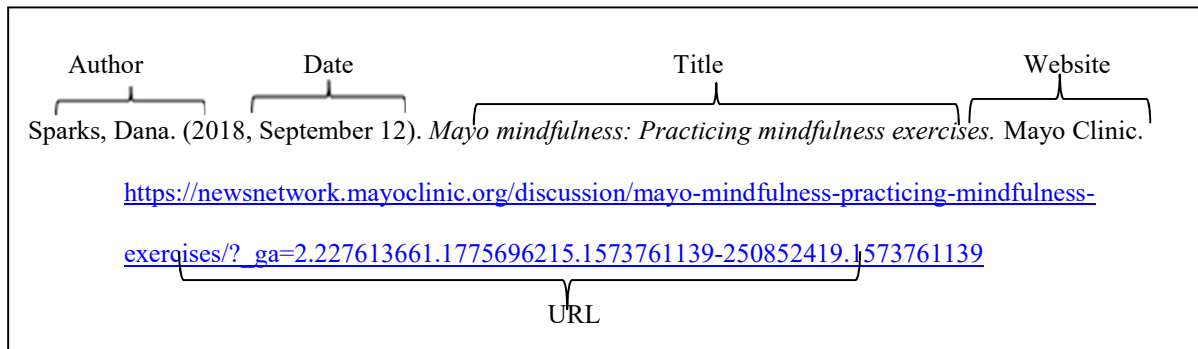
From a database or print:

Kluger, J. (2010, November 1). Keeping young minds healthy. *Time*, 176(18), 40-50.

From a website:

Heid, M. (2015, August 12). You asked: Why do I blush so much? *Time*. <http://time.com/3992760/blush-blushing/>

## Web sites



### Organization name as author (Group author):

National Institutes of Mental Health. (2015, May). *Anxiety disorders*.  
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/anxiety-disorders/index.s>

Note: when the author and the name of the website are the same, you don't need to list it as the name of the website.

### No author, no date:

*What is psychology?* (n.d). BestPsychologyDegrees.com. <https://www.bestpsychologydegrees.com/what-is-psychology/>

### **Notes:**

- Only include a retrieval date if the information on the page is designed to change over time.
- If you cite multiple webpages from a single website, you should create a separate reference for each webpage. If you want to mention a website in its entirety, just mention it in your text with the URL in parentheses; don't include it in your references.

### **Blog posts:**

Selingo, J. (2014, June 22). Reimagining the undergraduate experience: 4 provocative ideas. *Next*.  
<http://chronicle.com/blogs/next/2014/06/22/reimagining-the-undergraduate-experience-4-provocative-ideas/>

## Other Sources

### **Test Reviews**

#### Online

Newmann, D. L., & Rust, J. O. (1989). [Review of the test *A.S.S.E.T.S—A survey of students educational talents and skills*]. In J. C. Conoley & J. J. Kramer (Eds.), *The tenth mental measurements yearbook*. Mental Measurements Yearbook with Tests in Print.,

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## **Video**

### DVD or VHS:

Staveley-Taylor, H. (Director). (2006). *Introduction to designing experiments* [Film; DVD]. Uniview Worldwide; Cambridge Educational.

### Streaming Online:

From a database:

BBC (Producer). (2014). *Living with autism*. [Film; Streaming Video]. Films on Demand.

From a website:

Lancaster, B. (Presenter). (2018, Jun 22). *Behavioral treatments for ADHD* [Video]. Michigan Medicine. YouTube. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUgs8N\\_-nlo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUgs8N_-nlo)

## **Dissertations or Theses**

### Electronic copy of a thesis or dissertation from a database:

Rockey, R. (2008). *An observational study of pre-service teachers' classroom management strategies* (Publication No. 3303545) [Doctoral dissertation, Indiana University of Pennsylvania]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.

### Electronic copy of a thesis or dissertation from an online archive or repository:

Gerena, C. (2015). *Positive Thinking in Dance: The Benefits of Positive Self-Talk Practice in Conjunction with Somatic Exercises for Collegiate Dancers* [Master's thesis, University of California Irvine]. University of California, eScholarship. <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/1t39b6g3>

## **Personal Communications:**

Personal communications such as Emails, lectures, or conversations should be cited as personal communications in the text only (not in the reference list) in the following format:

R. J. Smith (personal communication, August 15, 2015)